

The following illustrates the crop acres planted this year and the total acres planted since the No-Till Program was initiated.

Alfalfa	193 acres	Oats	107 acres
CRP	316 acres	RIM	37 acres
Soybeans	383 acres	Sorgum/Sedan	7 acres
Grass Mix	57 acres	Winter Wheat	189 acres

1922	139 acres	1986	1576 acres	1990	3512 acres
1983	752 acres	1987	6147 acres	1991	1440 acres
1984	1255 acres	1988	2370 acres	1992	1289 acres
1985	2058 acres	1989	3087 acres		

CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD

By Jerome Ledermann, Secretary
Board of Supervisors

Lester and Wanda Bettermann of Garfield were chosen the 1992 Conservation Farmers by the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The Bettermann's were selected because of the excellent job they do in soil stewardship.

The Bettermann farm is located northwest of Garfield, consists of 520 acres and is a cash grain and beef feeding operation. They have a corn, bean, small grain and hay rotation.

Some of the conservation practices that earned the Bettermann's their award are a farmstead shelterbelt planted in 1990, the installation of 5,225 feet of cropland terraces and 9 sediment control blocks. They also practice no-till and reduced-till farming practices. All of these practices have reduced erosion on their rolling farm land.



The Bettermann's received their award in December, 1992 at the MASWCD Annual Convention held at the Radisson Hotel in Bloomington, MN. The award was presented at a luncheon honoring Conservation Cooperator state-wide.