

**JOHNSON BROTHERS
NAMED 1993
CONSERVATION COOPERATORS**
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Douglas SWCD Supervisor

Russell C.A. Johnson and Orrin T. Johnson of Alexandria, MN have been named 1993 Conservation Cooperators of the Year for Douglas County by the Douglas SWCD Board of Supervisors.

The Johnson Brother's farm operation, located southeast of Alexandria, consists of 900 acres of small grain, beans and corn rotation. They also run a feeder cow operation.

The Johnsons' became cooperators with the Douglas SWCD in 1961, and since that time have performed several conservation practices. They were two of the first farmers in the County to plant narrower corn and bean rows (30 inch rows vs. 36 inch rows). They have done pasture renovations, planted a farmstead shelterbelt, a living snow fence, and have used min-till and no-till in their farming operation.

Conservation Cooperators are chosen by the Board of Supervisors and Staff of the Douglas SWCD. Primary considerations for this recognition include pride in operation, and working to conserve soil and water resources. In 1993, the Johnsons' have clearly met and exceeded this criteria. We salute them for their contribution to agriculture!



(L. to R.) Russell C.A. Johnson, Conservation Cooperator; Craig Damstrom, Douglas SWCD Supervisor; Orrin T. Johnson, Conservation Cooperator.