

1997 OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONISTS

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Jim and Suzanne Martin of Evansville were chosen as the 1997 Outstanding Conservationists for Douglas County by the Douglas SWCD Board of Supervisors.

The Martins live on a beautiful farmstead in southwestern Douglas County. They own a 1400 acre cash crop operation, raising corn, beans and wheat.

Good overall land stewardship was a major reason for choosing the Martins for this award. They have installed terraces, a grassed waterway and sediment control basins to control erosion. Reduced tillage is used on all fields to keep residue on the surface and to reduce erosion. Jim and Suzanne have planted a beautiful farmstead shelterbelt to protect their home and livestock and have added many additional trees and shrubs to make the landscaping complete.

The Martins were recognized at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's (MASWCD) State Convention held at the Rochester Civic Center, Dec. 7-9, 1997. Gil Gullickson, Editor of "The Farmer" magazine presented this award.

The Douglas SWCD Supervisors and Staff congratulate Jim and Suzanne for their efforts to conserve our natural resources and for being good stewards of the land.



Jim Martin
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