

## 1998 OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONISTS

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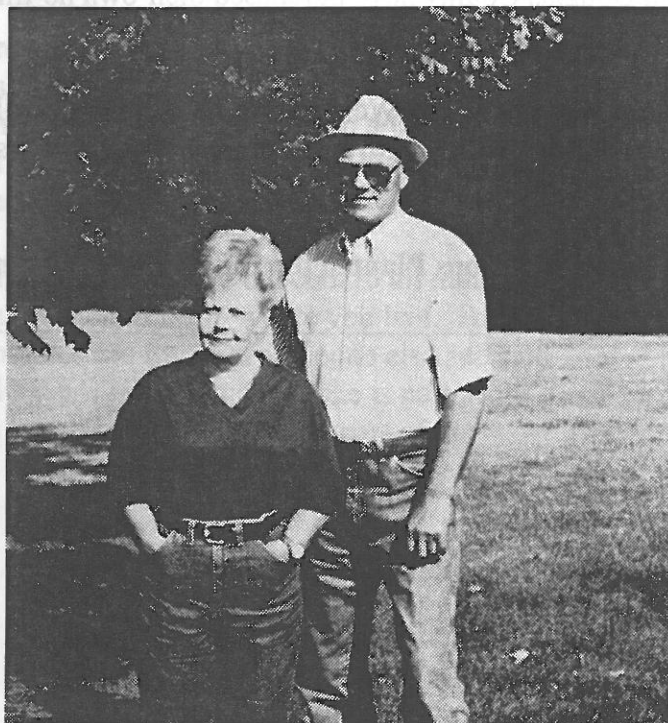
Julian and Beverly Nelson of rural Hoffman were recently chosen as the 1998 Outstanding Conservationists for Douglas County, by the Douglas SWCD Board of Supervisors.

The Nelson's live on a beautiful farmstead in southwestern Douglas County, managing a 2000 acre cash grain operation.

Good overall stewardship was a major reason for choosing the Nelson's for this award. In their 40 years of farming, they have installed a farmstead shelter belt, 4800 feet of terraces, 26 sediment blocks, and wetland restorations. The Nelson's have had a Water Bank Contract and currently have 70.5 acres in the CRP Buffer Strip Program, along with 140 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program. Julian uses reduced tillage on all of his acres to reduce and prevent soil erosion.

Julian and Beverly were recognized for their award at the 1998 Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) State Convention which was held in Minneapolis in December, 1998. At that time, the Nelson's were also chosen as one of seven finalists for the Farmer/Sportsman Award.

The Douglas SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff congratulate Julian and Beverly for their efforts to conserve our natural resources and for being good stewards of the land



**Julian and Beverly Nelson**  
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