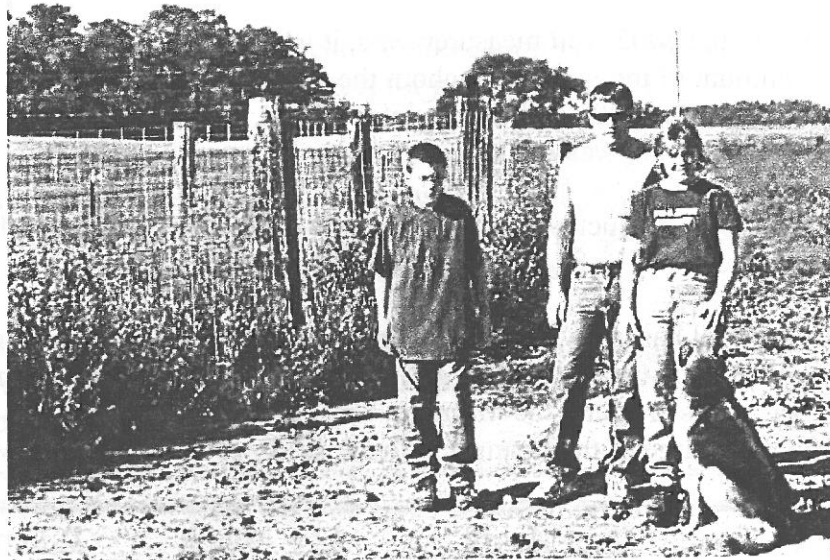


## Outstanding Conservationists for 2002



**Norbert and Lori Johnson & Son**

The Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors chose Norbert and Lori Johnson of rural Osakis as the Douglas County Outstanding Conservationists for 2002.

The Johnsons farm 600 acres of grain crops plus an additional 15 acres of grazing area. They have a dairy operation with a 100-head herd and 80 young stock and replacement herd. They have been farming in Osakis Township for 12 years.

The SWCD Board of Supervisors chose Norbert and Lori for the Outstanding Conservationists Award because of their installation of the following practices: ag waste management system in 1998, farmstead shelterbelt planted in 2002 through the Conservation Reserve Program, and plans to plant another shelterbelt in 2003. The Johnsons do regular soil testing for proper nutrient application, have a waste management plan and have installed filter strips and grass waterways.

Norbert and Lori along with the other Outstanding Conservationists from Minnesota were honored at the MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) State Convention held at the Radisson Riverfront in St. Paul on December 10, 2002.

