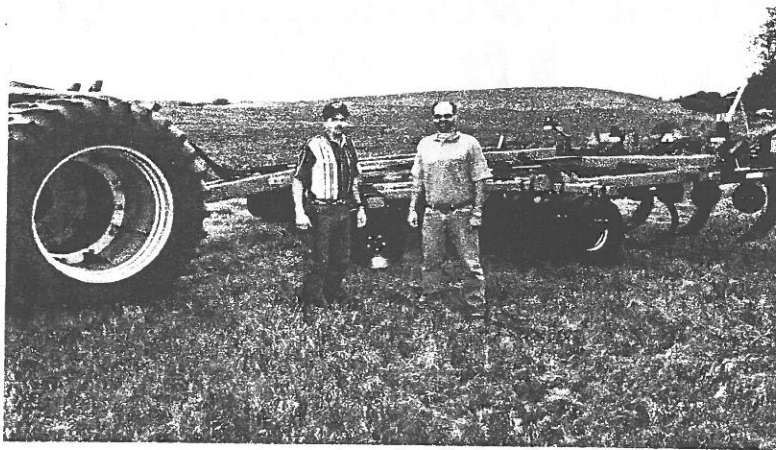


Satterlies Chosen As 2003 Outstanding Conservationists

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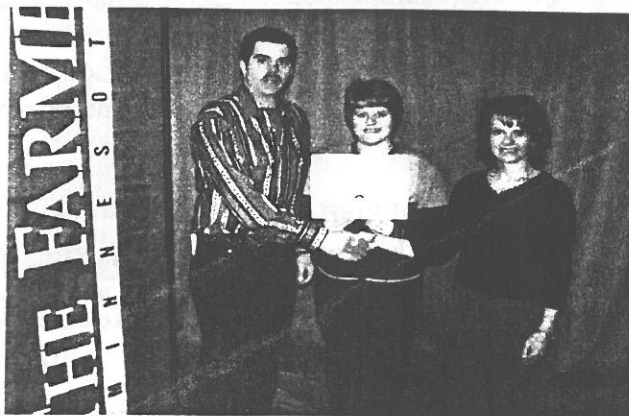
Randy and Eric Satterlie Chosen as 2003 Outstanding Conservationists

The Douglas SWCD Board of Supervisors chose Randy and Julie and Eric and DeAnn Satterlie of rural Evansville as the Douglas County Outstanding Conservationists for 2003. They were honored for that award at the MN Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) State Convention held at the Radisson South Hotel in Bloomington on Dec. 2, 2003.

The Satterlies were chosen for this award due to their installation of many conservation practices. They have installed 52 sediment blocks, 12 terraces (10,775 ft.), buffer strips, grass waterways, a 15-acre wetland with a rough fish control structure and three shelterbelts.

Eric and Randy have used several types of conservation tillage such as no-till, reduced-till and mulch-till. They also plant all the food plots for the Evansville Sportsmen Club.

The Satterlies use one-pass tillage with a DMI and leave approximately 50% residue on the soil surface after planting. On the 2000 tillable acres that they farm, 300 acres are considered Highly Erodible. They also do soil testing on all their cropland to ensure fertilizer is applied only at rates that the crops can use. Congratulations go out to Eric and Randy and their families on their conservation accomplishments



**Randy & Julie Satterlie accepted their award from
Joan Waldoch, editor of The Farmer Magazine**