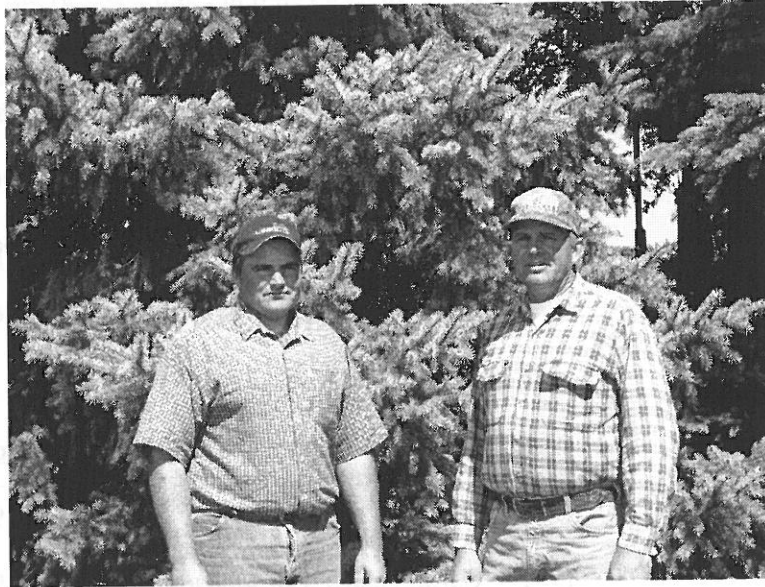


**2004
OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONISTS
FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY**



Darren and Warren Engelbrecht
2004 Outstanding Conservationists

Warren and Norma Engelbrecht and Darren and Tara Engelbrecht were chosen by the Douglas SWCD Board of Supervisors as 2004 Outstanding Conservationists. They were nominated for this award because of their outstanding record as conservation-minded farmers. They are well respected in the area and have demonstrated their dedication to conservation by managing their acres with reduced tillage to preserve the soil. They have planted Riparian Forest Buffers, farm shelters and windbreaks to prevent wind and soil erosion and protect their animals. Their beef and hog livestock are raised as "all natural" and manure is spread at a rate that is agronomically sustainable. They use crop rotation to further preserve their soil. They have restored a wetland in addition to excavating three ponds for wildlife. Warren and son Darren are third generation farmers. Warren's dad, Ralph (now deceased) was a true conservationist. He was always active in the community and took time to enjoy all natural resources. It's very evident that he also took time to pass on his goals and conservation values to his son and grandson. This is a prime example of what we all work for, that of passing on good stewardship values to the next generation.