

KEN AND SCOTT ANDERSON CHOSEN AS 2006 DOUGLAS COUNTY OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONISTS

A few months ago, the Douglas SWCD Board of Supervisors chose Ken and Scott Anderson of Kensington as the 2006 Outstanding Conservationists for Douglas County. Ken and Scott were honored and received their awards at the MN Association of Soil & Water Conservation District's State Convention held at the Sheraton Hotel in Minneapolis on Dec. 3-5.

The first conservation practice with the Douglas SWCD was installed by Ken back 29 years ago. A stock water pond was installed in 1977, feedlot shelterbelt in 1981, grassed waterways and sediment retention structure in 1983. Ken planted a feedlot windbreak to protect their cattle, beautify the farmstead and provide wildlife habitat. Since this time, Ken and his son Scott have installed terraces and other sediment blocks. This year 4 more sediment blocks will be constructed on their property.

Scott worked with the SWCD on a MDA low interest loan to purchase a no-till drill. Much of the land farmed by Ken and Scott is determined highly erodible (HEL), no-till is used on bean ground and mulch till is used on the corn ground. They are putting together a nutrient management plan for the entire farm. Soil tests are taken to ensure proper amounts of fertilizer is being used. Both Ken and Scott have CRP Contracts with filter strips. Ken and Scott have a herd of beef consisting of a 40 head cow-calf operation. Their pasture ground is managed for forage quality and their nutrient management plan includes pasture land through the EQIP Program.

Ken and Scott both use good stewardship practices and truly deserve the Douglas SWCD Outstanding Conservationist award for Douglas County.



(L.to R.) Ken and Scott Anderson, 2006 Outstanding Conservationists