



For 2011 the Douglas SWCD supervisors and staff has selected Frank and Susan Foslien of rural Brandon, MN as their “Outstanding Conservationist.” this award honors county residents who demonstrate “conservation ethics” in the way they live their day-to-day lives and are willing to show it on the natural resources they control .

Frank and Susan operate a cash grain operation on approximately 1100 rolling acres, dotted with lakes and wetlands, in west-central Douglas County. Much of Foslien Farms acreage has been in the family for 143 years since homesteaded in 1869 by Frank’s great, great grandfather. The original log home has been maintained on the home farm.



To ensure the soil productivity, water quality and wildlife habitat, Frank employs many different conservation practices on his and rented property. Frank tries to use minimum tillage, leaving 50% residue on wheat ground and 25% residue on soybean ground, no-till on some highly erodible ground and has installed 5 tile outlet water and sediment control structures. Frank conducted a managed harvest of over



mature basswood for regeneration. Water quality is ensured by use of buffers, both natural and planted to filter nutrients, chemicals and soil particles before runoff enters any water body.

*Frank and Susan Foslien - We Salute you!!!*