



Reece, Mary, Kirby, and Steph Lund were recently honored as outstanding conservationists at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, December 2-4, 2012 in Bloomington, Minn. They were selected by the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for the award.

Each year, the state's SWCDs recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding accomplishments in implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources. The award program is conducted with support from The Farmer magazine, and the award ceremony receives sponsorship from the Minnesota Corn Growers Association.

According to Jerome Haggemiller, District Coordinator, Reece, Mary, Kirby, and Steph were recognized for a variety of reasons. Following is a summary of some of the reasons why The Lund's were chosen:

The Lund's started with ridge till in the early 1990's and has now switched to strip-till to prevent erosion on their cropland. The Lund's both soil test and plant tissue test to determine crop nutrient needs. Application of fertilizer is completed by combination of banding and split application to ensure over application of fertilizer does not occur.



"We're really proud of the Lund's and what they have done for conservation in Douglas County," said Jerome Haggemiller. "The Lund's provide a wonderful example of farmers by using conservation practices to keep the soil on the land and to apply fertilizer for the crops needs."



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