

2022 Outstanding Conservationist

The Douglas SWCD is proud to announce the Langdon Collom family as this year's Conservation Farmer Family for Douglas County. The Collom's operate a beef and cash crop operation a few miles out of Rose City. The Collom family has converted from a beef feedlot to a grass raised beef operation. Currently they have 60 angus cross cow pairs and 25 feeder cows.



They have 80 acres of cropland that is all farmed no till or reduced till. Cover crops are planted after the main crops are harvested, this allows the cattle to graze the fields in the winter. When needed, the cattle are also moved around for grazing on the 200 acres of pasture.

The Colloms have been huge advocates for conservation programs, and through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), they have put in over two miles of waterlines, with eight watering facilities, three geothermal, and five tire tank waterers. They also installed two plus miles of fencing on pasture ground for a rotational grazing system. The need for commercial fertilizer has been reduced because of the increase in winter grazing on the cropland and pastures. The Colloms also use portable windbreaks which provide wind protection to livestock from cold winter winds and are moved around fields in winter to help distribute manure throughout the fields and pastures.

Langdon has a metal shop on the farm where he creates and develops his own tools to help increase his efficiency at the farm. He has built a three point waterline plow that can install shallow bury pipeline. He has helped other farmers in the area by lending out his equipment to help them install their shallow water lines as well.

The Collom family continues to convert new farms (rented and owned) into permanent pasture which in return improves water quality and soil health of the land. They have plans in the future to continue with more conservation practices. On behalf of the Douglas SWCD we want to congratulate the Collom family!

