

2008 Outstanding Conservationists



Jim & Denise Connor & family

The Lac qui Parle Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce Jim & Denise Connor of rural Madison have been named LqP SWCD 2008 Outstanding Conservationists.

Jim has transitioned the farming operation from ridge till to no-till and strip-till to protect the soil in his fields. Jim doesn't have livestock, but a nutrient management workshop sponsored by the SWCD inspired Jim to buy manure from a neighbor as part of a nutrient management plan. Two farmed wetlands have been enrolled in CRP.

Not only does Jim practice good stewardship, he is willing to provide youth the opportunity to learn about conservation first-hand. As old groves were removed, tree habitat was replaced. Madison Girl Scouts planted trees for a wildlife planting while learning about the function of different kinds of tree plantings. The Connor's also welcomed an elementary Arbor Day celebration, allowing students to plant the trees in their farmstead windbreak renovation.

Over the years Jim has worked with the District to install 7 water and sediment control basins, and is currently exploring the possibility of a joint project with a neighbor. As an elementary science fair judge, Jim gave high points to a student project demonstrating how these basins help keep sediment out of surface water!

Join us in congratulating Jim and Denise, Lac qui Parle SWCD Outstanding Conservationists!