



## **DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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#### **Don & Duane Beissel Honored At State Soil & Water Conservation District Convention**

The Don and Duane Beissel families of Hastings will be honored as outstanding conservationists at a December 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon during the annual convention of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD), in Bloomington, Minnesota.

“We’re proud of Don and Duane Beissel for what they’ve done in conserving our natural resources,” said Rick Hansen, Chair of the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, which nominated the Beissel’s for this award.

The Beissels farm 335 acres and operate a 2,400-head feeder to finish hog operation. In 1999, the Beissels utilized a BWSR Feedlot Water Quality Grant and constructed a manure storage structure on their farm to protect the water quality within the Vermillion River Watershed. The Beissels also participate in the SWCD Nutrient Management Incentive Program, which encourages effective management of their manure resources.

The Farmer magazine, Northwest Sportshow, and the MASWCD sponsor the Outstanding Conservationist Award. Don and Duane Beissel have also been nominated for the Outstanding Conservationist of the Year Award, the winner of which will be announced at the convention.

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