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The Wayne Kieffer Family Receives Award for Outstanding Conservation Efforts

October 19, 2016—Dakota County, Minnesota. The Wayne Kieffer family was recently recognized by the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District (DCSWCD) as their 2016 Outstanding Conservationist for their leadership in conservation. Wayne, his wife Bernadette, and their sons Tim and Kevin are fourth and fifth generation dairy producers that have operated in Dakota County for over 120 years.

The Kieffer family has demonstrated leadership through the installation of several soil loss reduction practices. They maintain six hundred animals and operate 840 acres of corn, soybeans, alfalfa and canning crops. Over the past several years, they have constructed a new manure storage pit to more efficiently manage their livestock waste, installed 1.2 miles of grassed waterways and constructed eight water and sediment control basins to reduce soil loss during high water events, implemented an irrigation water management plan, and permanently protected 130 acres of natural area and prime farmland from future development.

The Kieffer's will be recognized at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Convention in December. Each year the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District honors a landowner, business, or organization for their contributions to conserve or restore natural resources in Dakota County. The DCSWCD commends the Wayne Kieffer family for being leaders in conservation.



Wayne Kieffer (left) accepting award from DCSWCD Board Supervisor Laura Zanmiller (right)

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