



Soil Conservation Award

The next winner I would like to introduce for the Soil Conservation Award is Stacy and Howard Lawrence, for the work they have done on their acreage.

The basis of selection of individual awardees will be determined on the following points:

- a. Use of land according to its capabilities.
- b. Completeness of conservation plan.
- c. Balance of farm enterprise.
- d. Quality of conservation work completed and maintenance of practices.
- e. Special Practices: In addition to traditional practices, special practices such as grassland development, forestry, pollution abatement, riparian management, water quality, and residue management should be considered.

According to Stacy, their operation began using their no-till practices within the last 10 years. They began using these practices as a way to help conserve moisture. They originally thought it would be more cost effective, but with the price of chemical, that thought has changed.

Currently, they are using no-till practices in 30% of their acreage while the other 70% is still in conventional till.

The biggest benefits they have seen from their no-till practices have been the moisture conservation they were hoping for, which has helped to jump start some of their crops when planted. Another benefit they have also been able to see is weed control. With their rotations of wheat, feed, and even some corn in the past, they have been able to use chemical weed control plans that have shown to be effective.

Will you please welcome Stacy and Howard Lawrence to accept this award.