

2012 Outstanding Conservationist

Anderson Family Farms

Jim, Sue, John, Shirley, Grant and Noah Anderson

Anderson Family Farms near Belgrade, was selected by the Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) for the award. Each year, Minnesota SWCDs recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding accomplishments in implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources. The award program is conducted with support from The Farmer magazine and MN Corn Growers Association.



In addition, they were recognized as one of eight Area Finalists in the Outstanding Conservationist Award Program. [More info here.](#)

Anderson Family Farms includes a 2500 sow farrow to finish facility, 2600 steers and 6150 acres of cropland where they grow corn, kidney beans, sugar beets, small grains and hay. In 2008, they completed a Waste Storage Facility project to bring their feedlot into compliance by abandoning an open lot and constructing a roof structure to house the cattle. Andersons are participants in the Conservation Stewardship Program and the Conservation Reserve Program. Along with the conversion of numerous irrigation systems to low pressure, they have installed many conservation practices over the years including: two Waste Storage Facilities, irrigation water management, animal mortality composting facility, upland wildlife habitat management, cover crops, several shelterbelts, filter strips, wildlife foodplots, nutrient management, pest management and crop residue management.

