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## 2018 Outstanding Conservationist: The Vogt Dairy Family Farm



The farm is owned by Ken Vogt and his sons, Ethan and Aaron, and their families. They operate a dairy farm consisting of 345 cows along with 450 heifers and calves. They grow corn, alfalfa and soybeans on 536 acres of owned and rented land. The Vogt's became certified in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program by agreeing to reduce tillage and install alternative tile intakes. Along with participating in the Conservation Stewardship Program, they have implemented many conservation practices over the years including buffer strips along all protected waters, animal waste storage facilities, nutrient and pest management, well decommissioning, Environmental Quality Assurance program, energy audit, and energy improvements.