

2014 Outstanding Conservationist

KLC and KJL Farms from Sauk Centre were recently honored as the Stearns County Outstanding Conservationists of the year at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

KLC and KJL Farm is a 2000+ acre joint corn and soybean farming operation which includes Larry, Carol, Kevin and Janet Lahr. They utilize strip tillage and precision agriculture to conserve soil, water and fuel. Strip tillage and precision agriculture also conserves nutrients for more efficient crop uptake and helps reduce soil loss potential. The Lahr's are participants in the Conservation Stewardship Program and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Over the past four years, they participated in the guided stalk nitrate sampling and replicated strip trials via the On-Farm Network® to help them improve nitrogen use efficiency. Other conservation

practices implemented over the years include: water and sediment control basins, farmstead windbreaks, riparian buffer strips, wetland wildlife habitat, nutrient and integrated pest management, irrigation system low pressure conversion and many energy conservation practices.



(L to R):
Kevin, Carol, Amanda, Nathan, Joshua, Larry and Janet Lahr