

Olmsted Soil and Water Conservation District 2019 Outstanding Conservationist



The Olmsted Soil and Water Conservation District presents Ben and Natalie Storm of Dover, MN as its 2019 Outstanding Conservationist. The Storm's produce corn and soybeans on their 4th generation farm. Ben and his father, Rudy started no-tilling soybeans in 2006, immediately noticing savings in soil and time. Storm solidified his dedication to conservation investing in a Rawson Strip-till machine for corn in 2015 and is actively implementing best management practices including grassed waterways, terraces, basins and dams.

The Storms recently introduced cover crops and became a Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality certified farm in 2016. Ben states, "If not for reduced tillage, we wouldn't be able to farm our 1,900 acres without large investments in machinery and hired help; not to mention curbing the erosion from heavy tillage."

Ben advocates for conservation, serving as the MN Soybean Research and Promotion Council Treasurer and Olmsted-South Wabasha Corn and Soybean Growers Chairman. Olmsted County is honored to call Ben and Natalie Storm its 2019 Outstanding Conservationist.