

2010 CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Gary & Lori Kruggel Winthrop, MN

From the Sibley District we have Gary and Lori Kruggel, and children Stephanie and Corey, from Winthrop. The Kruggels operate a grain farm, raising corn and soybeans. They have been farming for nineteen years, on land that has been in the family for a long time. Over the years they have planted trees and shrubs for farmstead protection, and for wildlife habitat; use minimum tillage on 350 acres of corn, and no-till on 375 acres of soybeans. They recently completed a 32.5 acre wetland restoration on a 70.7 acre tract enrolled in the RIM/WRP program. The Kruggels see first-hand the benefits of conservation on their farm.

