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LOCAL PERSON HONORED AT STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONVENTION WITH THE OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR AWARD

Wally Hildebrandt of Faribault, Minnesota was honored by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) in St. Paul on December 1, 2003 for the MASWCD Outstanding Supervisor Award.

Each year, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts have the opportunity to nominate a supervisor who has demonstrated leadership and achieved significant results in the conservation of Minnesota's soil and water resources. This year's recipient is Wally Hildebrandt of Rice county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Wally's leadership and commitment to Soil and Water Conservation goes well beyond the county boundary of Rice county, Minnesota. Wally has been involved in the Cannon River Watershed Partnership, Hiawatha Valley RC&D, MASWCD and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

Wally has been a SWCD supervisor since 1959. Wally and his family have farmed in Rice county for over 50 years. His commitment to agriculture and conservation has drawn him into several conservation leadership positions. Recently, Wally was elected chairperson of the Hiawatha Valley RC&D. Wally also initiated the "Adopt-A-Highway" program for the staff and supervisors of Rice SWCD.

The Rice SWCD has been blessed with Wally's working leadership for the past 44 years.

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