

MINNESOTA BRIEFS

Johnsons are Outstanding Conservationists

LINDSTROM, Minn. — Ron and Sue Johnson of Lindstrom have been named the 2005 Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Outstanding Conservationists in the state.

Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District nominated the Lindstroms for the award.

The Johnsons have a dairy farm in southern Chisago County on First Lake. The farm has been in Ron's family since 1927.

The Johnsons have a self-sufficient operation that relies on dairy and crop farming along with the sale of home-grown beef. Ron's parents live on the farm and provide help daily.

The first major conservation effort involved stabilizing their shoreline along First Lake. They also installed a grass filter strip along the lake shore to provide a better buffer between the lake and possible runoff from their farm..