

*LeSueur County Soil and Water
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The Le Sueur County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) have selected **John and Pam McGillen** as the Outstanding Conservationists for 2009.

The McGillen's home farm is located east of Kilkenny in Section 25, Kilkenny Township. The McGillen's raise corn, soybeans and wheat for cash crop and raises beef cattle and hogs. They also raise criollo sheep but just for a hobby.

John and Pam have been very active in controlling soil erosion on their farm. They've installed terraces, CRP filterstrips and waterways, farmstead windbreaks, duck ponds and are currently working on a mortality building through the EQIP program. Their landlords also have been aggressive working with John in regards to treating erosion.

John also farms on the contour which his father, Edward, was the first in Le Sueur County to accomplish.

John grew up with dairy and beef cattle and hogs. He also worked for Seneca hauling sweet corn for 20 years and now focuses on his farming operation. Pam works for Allina Clinic and also is the book keeper for the farm. They have 2 married daughters and 1 grandson.

John and Pam will be the guests of the Le Sueur County SWCD at this years annual convention held in Duluth this December.

