

## **Outstanding Conservationists – 1999 Maynard & Sandi Thompson**

Each year the Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District selects an outstanding conservationist that has made significant accomplishment in the management and conservation of our natural resources. We are pleased to announce that the Fillmore SWCD Board of Supervisors has selected **Maynard and Sandi Thompson** as our **1999 Outstanding Conservationists**.

Maynard and Sandi farm 300 acres of corn, soybeans and hay in northeastern Fillmore County near Peterson. Since the 1950's, they have implemented soil and water conservation farming techniques throughout their farm including grassed waterways, farmstead shelterbelts, grade stabilizing structures, no-till, conservation tillage, contour strip cropping and pest management. They also raise beef cows.

We applaud the conservation efforts that the Thompson's have shown over the years. Their efforts have led to the conservation of soil resources and the protection of water quality within the Root River Watershed. We appreciate their efforts in helping us to achieve our goal of managing, conserving and protecting the County's soil and water resources.

The Thompsons contributions to the local community have also been many. Maynard taught in the local school district and served as principle until his recent retirement. They have promoted the development of the town of Peterson by promoting small businesses.

As our outstanding Conservationists, the Thompsons will be attending the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts convention in Duluth in December.

**Congratulations to the Thompsons on this honor!**