

Outstanding Conservationists – 2000 Dean, Glen and Doris Thomas

The Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to announce that **Dean, Glen and Doris Thomas** of Fountain have been named as our **2000 Outstanding Conservationists**. This annual award is presented to a Fillmore County farmer in recognition for outstanding accomplishments in the protection of soil, water and other natural resources.



The Thomas' raise beef cows using a rotational grazing system in Pilot Mound Township. They have converted a majority of their tillable acres to permanent pasture and are now managing the grazing system for optional forage production. The Thomas' were assisted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The EQIP program provided cost-sharing for fencing and a watering system and NRCS designed the grazing system.

The Thomas' were recognized for their accomplishments, along with 90 other outstanding conservationists, at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. This award is co-sponsored by the Farmer Magazine.

The Fillmore SWCD wants to congratulate the Thomas' on their efforts.