

Outstanding Conservationists – 2004 Sunnyslope Farm Philip and Ruth Abrahamson

Each year the Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District selects an outstanding conservationist that has made significant accomplishments in the management and conservation of natural resources.

We are pleased to announce that the Fillmore SWCD Board of Supervisors has selected **Phil and Ruth Abrahamson's Sunnyslope Farm** as our **2004 Fillmore County Outstanding Conservationist Award Winner**. The Abrahamson's have also been selected as the **Southeast Minnesota Area Winner** and chosen one of the seven state finalists for the State Outstanding Conservationist Award.



This family operation consists of a 503 animal unit registered Angus cattle farm. The farm was founded in 1863 and the registered Angus herd was founded in 1898. The Abrahamson's have long been leaders in both genetic herd improvement and conservation. Conservation and pollution prevention measures used by the Abrahamson's include extensive feedlot improvements and nutrient management planning to reduce nutrient runoff and lessen the need for commercial fertilizer.

The Abrahamson's maintain a number of contour grass strips to reduce erosion. The Abrahamson's follow a seven year rotation, including a scheduled plan to sample soils to monitor soil nutrient levels.

As our Outstanding Conservationists, the Abrahamson's will be invited to attend the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District convention in Duluth this December where they will compete for Minnesota's Outstanding Conservationist Award.

Congratulations to Phil and Ruth on their conservation achievements!