

## **Education Award – 2008 Vance and Bonnie Haugen**

**Vance and Bonnie Haugen** of Canton were nominated for and received the 2008 Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) Education Award which will be presented at the MASWCD Convention to be held December 7-9 in St. Paul. This award honors an individual or organization for creating innovative conservation education activities reaching students and a variety of other audiences.



Vance and Bonnie's motto is "Farming is Everybody's Bread, Butter and Water". They believe in farming sustainably for soil, plant, animal, and human health.

The Haugens' environmental education activities have included numerous pasture walks over the past 15 years, covering topics such as bird counts, grass management, and the impact of recent floods. They have been host to student groups as well as professional events and conferences. Their knowledge of grazing and operating a dairy is sought after around the country. They are regular contributors to *GRAZE* magazine and have been interviewed for magazine articles and books.

**Congratulations to Vance and Bonnie on your  
environmental education activities!**