

2009 CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Steve & Joan Heinz
Henderson, MN

They operate a 2,400 acre cash crop farm, devoted to corn and soybean production. The Heinz's have included a mix of conservation measures on their properties; 37 acres of Conservation Reserve Program prairie plantings, a 10 acre Re-invest in Minnesota easement with a wetland restoration and woody plantings, and numerous grade control and water and sediment control basins. All of this good work has provided habitat for deer, waterfowl, and wild turkeys, and has kept their land productive and our water cleaner.

