

2013 CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Trebelhorn Farms

Winthrop Minnesota

From the Sibley District, (photo #1) we have the Trebelhorn Family: Todd and Donna; Ron and Mary; Dave and Laurie; and, Luke and April, all of Winthrop. They operate a beef and grain farm raising 400 head of beef, and growing corn, soybeans, peas, and sweet corn on 2,000 acres. The Trebelhorns have farmed for 43 years, the farm belonging to the family since 1936. Over the years they have planted windbreaks (photo #2), practiced mulch tillage, enrolled land in buffer strip programs, and most recently are participating in the Conservation Stewardship Program to enhance the practices they have already adopted.

The Trebelhorns know the benefits of conservation, using tillage radishes for a cover crop following pea harvest; and practicing mulch tillage on their row crops. The Trebelhorns are very good stewards of the land.





Cover crop of tillage radishes