

2017 Conservationists of the Year

Paul and Donita Platz of Winthrop

Paul and Donita Platz of Winthrop, have been selected by the Sibley SWCD as this year's conservationist of the year. They operate a 900 acre farm along with finishing 15,000 pigs a year. Over the years, the Platzs' installed wildlife food plots, grassed waterways, terraces and removed open intakes. They have protected their soils by using minimal tillage and planting cover crops. Paul and Donita are proud to have voluntarily planted buffer strips along their ditches long before the buffer law was introduced. Being involved in the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Platzs' utilize numerous pest and nutrient management activities, installed drift reducing nozzles and plant tissue test. The Platzs' are stewards of the land and the Sibley SWCD would like to thank them for all of their conservation efforts.



Photo 1



Photo 2