

## 2014 Outstanding Conservationist



The Blue Earth County SWCD has chosen to recognize the Roger and Dawn Hubmer, as the 2014 Conservationists of the Year. The Humber Family has farmed this area since 1878 and Roger was the first to start raising hogs along with row cropping. The Hubmer's only use sustainable agriculture practices, growing non GMO corn for the pigs and subsequently use the manure generated for the following year's crop. "Famers are the original recyclers," he'd say. The Hubmer's are consistently working with our USDA partners through the Conservation Stewardship Program by planting cover crops, nutrient management, conservation tillage, and periodically testing crop plant tissue for nitrogen concentration. Roger has also been using various biological pest management practices to further adapt to an already natural, sustainable system.