

2018 Outstanding Conservationist

Harold Loeffler of Saint Clair has been nominated for the Outstanding Conservationist of the Year by the Blue Earth County SWCD. Harold started farming back in 1969 however, farming has been in his family since the 1900s. Over the years Harold has started implementing conservation practices into his corn and soybean operation because he noticed the value in his soil. During the 1980s he started ridge-tilling in his fields and since then he has implemented numerous conservation methods into his operation. Some of the practices include grassed waterways, terraces and gully plugs. He also started experimenting with cover crops and is attempting to make them work in his operation. Harold has been one of the biggest pioneers of conservation in his community and continues to set a great example for other farmers to follow.