

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONISTS FOR 2022

From Wright County, we have the Groos' (gross) from Howard Lake. Their farm has been passed down through Linda's family for five generations and has been operated by Sean and Linda since 1993. The Groos' purchased the 290 acres in 2002 and maintained it as a dairy until 2020. Since then, the Groos' have raised heifers, alfalfa, corn, soybeans, and wheat.

In 2012, Sean partnered with Discovery Farms Minnesota and Wright SWCD to establish an on-farm, producer-led research project collecting water quality information. Sean has also made cover crops a vital part of his farming operation believing cover crops are beneficial providing an alternative and extra food source while improving soil quality. Sean says conservation is "all about making it work in the situation you have".

