

*2024
Outstanding
Conservationist*

**PETERSON
FARM**

Aaron & Nichola
Peterson

Mitch & Brooke
Michaelson



The Carver SWCD board of supervisors has selected the Peterson Farm as our Outstanding Conservationists for 2024. The original family farm was established in 1890. Aaron (pictured on right) and Nichola Peterson, along with Mitch and Brooke Michaelson, are the fourth generation currently operating the family farm. They are carrying on the traditional soybean, corn, and alfalfa operations. They have also implemented numerous conservation practices to improve water quality, and reduce erosion over the years.

In 2012, the Peterson family enrolled 191 acres into a RIM/WRP wetland easement. This project reduced runoff volumes on agricultural land, and restored two previously drained and altered wetland areas, which increased on-site detention storage. The Peterson's also promote no-till and cover crop practices with other neighboring landowners. Aaron is a board member of the group called "Friends of the Minnesota River Valley," which focuses on the health of the Minnesota River and its tributaries.

We are proud of their strong conservation ethics and look forward to working with the Peterson family for many years to come. Congratulations Peterson Farm!