

# 2021 Outstanding Conservationist Schuette Family Farm, Mayer MN

The Carver SWCD has selected Dean & Ann Schuette, and their son Ryan & Beth, of Mayer MN as the 2021 Outstanding Conservationists for Carver County.

The Schuette farm has been in the family since 1902. Dean took over the dairy farm in 1982, and in 2008, Ryan became the 5th generation family farmer. They currently raises a beef cow/calf herd, and raises wheat, corn, and soybeans.

The Schuette's have converted cropland to numerous grazing paddocks, installed CRP buffer strips to protect and improve water quality. They have also partnered with the U of M Extension Service to do a cover crop demonstration project, which increased soil nutrients and fertility.

They see first hand the benefits of doing conservation on their farm. Dean also believes that taking care of our water is everyone's job, not just those that have time.

***Congratulations to Dean & Ann Schuette, and Ryan & Beth!***

