

# Looking Back on 2009...



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## 2009 Best Management Practices

Project	Number Completed	Federal/State Funds Cost Share/Incentive paid to landowners
Conservation Tillage	8 contracts	\$56,484
Cover Crop	4 contracts	\$2,330
Waterways	26 waterways	\$110,509
Sediment Basins	5 systems	\$37,570
Windbreaks	4 windbreaks	\$2,630
Nutrient & Pest Management	8 contracts	\$15,834
Structures	1 structure	\$2,863
Ag BMP Loan Program	17 Applications	\$348,610
Organic	146.1 acres	\$5,400
Filter Strips CREP and CRP	72.3 acres	\$194,190
Wetland Restorations CREP	32.1 acres	\$104,250
Back Forty Pheasant Habitat	631.3 acres	\$1,073,210
CSP Payments	10 Contracts	\$101,819
2 Stage Ditch System	1 Ditch System	\$200,000
<b>Total State and Federal Dollars</b>		<b>\$2,255,699</b>
Trees and Shrubs/Windbreaks	17,438 Trees Sold	<b>State Funding \$166,258.25</b>
Conservation Plans Written	9,513 acres	
Land with practices for Wtr Quality	11,294 acres	
Land for wildlife habitat	3,057 acres	



2009 Outstanding Conservationists—  
**Blue Top Farms**  
 Marvin & Lita Smith  
 Diane & Bobby Smith



Two Stage Ditch System Construction

## 2009 Highlights & Events

- Working with the City of LeRoy on their Wellhead Protection Plan
- Assisted 265 producers/landowners with wetland determinations and regulations.
- Continued with administration/technical services for the Cedar River Watershed District.
- Completed the second year of the monitoring program for the Cedar River Watershed District, 11 sites/17 times each.
- TMDL testing; 6 sites/17 times each.
- Turtle Creek Watershed District administration.
- 46 applications for Environmental Quality Incentive Program totaling \$179,265.
- Assisted 54 customers with native grass seed sales and planting services.
- Completion of the 2 Stage Ditch System
- Monitoring on Control Drainage Site.
- 2 Native Grass Plantings in the City of Austin

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