

Congratulations To  
Dearborn County SWCD  
“River Friendly Farmer” Recipients

Each year, since 2000, the SWCD has had the opportunity to nominate two River-Friendly Farmer nominees, from each district. This year Dearborn County SWCD has submitted, Lobenstein Farm - Eric Callahan [Lobenstein Farm](#); and Wolfert Farms LLC - Kurt, Kim, Steven, Alexandra, and Cheyenne Wolfert [Wolfert's Reining Horses](#) for this award.

Eric grew up on his grandfather’s farm, learning the farming operation from a very young age and with the help of his parents and grandparents, has continued improving and expanding the farming operation. Lobenstein Farm operation produces 500 acres grain crops, 40 acres specialty crops and raise beef, and sheep for market, and 400 laying hens for egg production. Not only does Lobenstein implement many conservation practices, they also participate in the “Farm to School” program and sell to farmer markets.

Wolfert Farms LLC raises organic certified angus beef and currently has 44 head of cattle on two farms they own in Dearborn County. They have worked hard to implement several conservation practices including a rotational grazing system that meets the certified organic standards. These conservations practices have helped increase water quality, herd health, soil health, air quality, forage quality/quantity, and wildlife habitats. The Wolfert’s also offer equine boarding, trail riding, and training cutting horses. It is an honor getting to work with Wolfert Farms LLC. <http://www.wolfert-farms-llc.com/>

Both farms have also been awarded the Dearborn County SWCD “Friend of Conservation” Award. SWCD is very proud of the conservation practices both farms have implemented in the past and continue to build on, as part of their farming operations. We look forward to seeing more great things from Lobenstein Farm and Wolfert Farms LLC.