

Wanted: Good Stewards of the Land

Are you dedicated to farming and conservation? Do you believe in being a good caretaker of the land and preserving it for future generations? If so, you may be just the person we are looking for.



2006 National Conservation Legacy Award winners Lawrence and Diane Sukalski of Fairmont, Minn.

The American Soybean Association (ASA), together with sponsors Monsanto and *The Corn And Soybean Digest*, established the Conservation Legacy Award Program five years ago. This national program is designed to recognize the outstanding environmental and conservation achievements of U.S. soybean farmers.

Any ASA member who actively farms and cares about the land they cultivate is eligible to receive the Conservation Legacy Award.

"With only 1 percent of the population feeding the other 99 percent, we need to help educate everyone on the importance of conservation," said the 2005 South Region winner Joe Derrick of Johnston, S.C.

Four regional winners will be selected (West, South, Midwest and Northeast) with one national winner to be chosen from among the four. All four regional winners

and a spouse/guest will receive an expense-paid trip to Commodity Classic, March 1-3, in Tampa, Fla. The winners also receive recognition at the ASA Awards Banquet and are featured in a story in *The Corn And Soybean Digest*, and articles in *ASA Today* and ASA's *Weekly Leader Letter*.

Application forms for the Conservation Legacy Awards Program are available by calling 800/688-7692 or on the ASA website, www.soygrowers.com/clap/.

ASA Applauds Passage of Funding for New River Locks

The American Soybean Association (ASA) and its farmer members are pleased with passage of S. 728, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2005, which includes funding to build new U.S. locks and dams. As a top priority, ASA, its state affiliates and grassroots members having worked tirelessly for many years to pass this legislation. The U.S. House of Representative overwhelmingly passed WRDA (H.R.2864) over a year ago, in July 2005.

"Senate passage of the Water Resources and Development Act will provide funding for construction of seven new locks and other improvements on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers," said ASA President Rick Ostlie, a soybean producer from Northwood, N.D. "Over 75 percent of U.S. soybean exports move to world ports via the upper Mississippi and Illinois River systems."

The deteriorating 60-year old lock and dam system was built to handle 600-foot barges. Today's 1200-foot barges have to be split and sent through one section at a time, resulting in higher transportation costs.

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