

Persingers to be honored for soil conservation

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Persinger Farms, Inc., outside of Edmond, was chosen to receive the 2008 Kansas Bankers Soil Conservation Award from the Norton County Conservation District.

The farm is operated by Steve and Debra Persinger, and their son, Kirk.

"I've been farming for a little over 30 years," said Steve. Kirk has been working on the farm since he graduated from high school eight years ago.

The Persingers farm about 9,000 acres of land, which includes 3,500 acres of pasture and grass, 4,500 acres of farmland, 1,000 acres of CRP grass and 120 acres for cattle.

All of their farmland is no-till, which reduces soil erosion and helps the ground retain moisture.

They also have a "growing" lot, in which they keep cows and calves until they reach about 800 pounds, then sell. Right now, they have about 200 head of cattle in the growing lot.

There is a windbreak for the lot, and a lagoon built with the help of conservation money.

fun facts . . .

- Out of every \$10.00 spent buying things, \$1.00 or 10 percent goes for packaging material that is thrown away.

- Glass never wears out — it can be recycled forever.

- Americans throw away 100 billion shopping bags per year.



Steve Persinger, left, and his son, Kirk, showed off their no-till tractor equipment. Kirk began farming eight years ago, after he graduated from high school. All of the Persinger Farms, Inc. cropland is no-till.

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