

2010 Cooperator of the Year

Vernon and Patty Sawyer



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Vernon and Patty Sawyer have been farming full time for over 40 years west of Laredo, near a farm where Vernon was raised and in turn where they raised both of their daughters. The farming operation consists of grain and a cow/calf operation, where no-till, minimum tillage and crop rotation practices have progressively been implemented through the years on approximately 1,300 acres.

They have been able to participate in conservation programs to build 10,000 feet of terraces and have 55 acres currently in the nutrient management program. By working with landlords on rented ground, they help conserve the soil by terracing and building waterways and they always look forward to future soil conservation projects.

They have expressed their appreciation to the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District, NRCS and FSA offices, personnel and programs.