

2017 Cooperator of the Year

~ Ronau Farms ~



The Ronau Farms is a fourth generation farm in NW Lucas County. They raise corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa in rotation on their 800 acre operation, plus hay and straw, and 1200 head of hogs per year in a farrowing to finish operation. The Ronau Farm's is owned and operated by twin brothers Doyle and Doug and Doug's son Andy. Ronau Farms has been very active in conservation practices with our District. Their last accomplishment was the completion of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan for the hog operation. Past successes included No-Till Planting, Precision Nutrient soil testing, fertilizer placement and planting of multi-species cover crop mixtures. In response to the drinking water crisis in Toledo, they have enrolled in both the Lake Erie and Great Lake Nutrient Reduction Program. Their commitments to sound environmental practices are a positive example for area farmers.

~ 2017 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Awards ~

Susan Orosz, DMV - Julius Orosz Trust

Susan Orosz and the Julius Orosz Trust made positive improvements to benefit conservation and water quality on their Jerusalem Township property by installing a 7-acre wetland restoration with a water control structure, two hardwood riparian forest buffers, and a 30 ft. wide warm season grass quail buffer.



Jennifer & John Schneider

Jennifer and John Schneider of Jerusalem Township took 10 acres of cropland that flooded regularly out of production and put it into a CREP wetland. This project will provide water quality improvement and soil erosion reduction which will benefit the Western Lake Erie Basin watershed.

