

***2023 NATURAL RESOURCE AWARD  
JOEL & LACEY AUFDEMBERGE***

Joel farms with his wife, Lacey, and three kids, Reese, Kinley and Jerett. Joel has lived in the county his entire life and started farming with his dad when he was little. The family grows corn, soybeans and wheat in the Leavenworth, Wyandotte and Johnson county areas. They've been doing no till for 25 years and have been growing cover crop for 10 years. They have seen the benefits of increased organic matter and a reduction in erosion. Every fall after harvest they address areas that show signs of erosion and take action by building new waterways, terraces, tile terraces and grass strips to reduce or redirect the water to a grassed area.