

Jesup

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**Windbreak Award** — Keith and Janet Wright pose in front of their award-winning windbreak at their farm Northwest of Jesup in Black Hawk County. Planted in 1980, the windbreak provides noticeable protection to the farmhouse during the winter months, as well as habitat for animals. "During one bad rain storm, I saw a pheasant sheltering behind one tree and two trees away was a rabbit," Keith said. There are about 100 trees in the L-shaped windbreak with three rows. They include pyramidal arbor vita, Norway spruce and Colorado spruce. The award is from the Izaak Walton League of America in recognition of exemplary windbreak planting to conserve America's natural resources. The award came through the Black Hawk County Soil & Water Conservation District. Keith also uses minimum tillage on his grain and hog operation. The Wrights' four children, Laura, Russell, Luann and Rachel were all involved in the planting and early care of the windbreak.