

## **2020 Achievement Winners Article- Fannik Brothers**

The Ward Soil Conservation District is proud to have chosen the Fannik Brothers as our 2020 achievement winners. Made up of Delvin and his wife Kristi and their kids Emily and Layton, Jacob and his wife Christine and their daughter Ella, and Lavonne Fannik who is the mother of Delvin and Jacob. They have a farm and ranch northeast of Max North Dakota in Ward County. Their diverse crop rotation consists of corn, oats, wheat, canola, soybeans, peas, and cover crops such as turnips and radishes. In addition to their crop land the Fannik's run a herd of Hereford Angus cow-calf operation. They incorporate a minimum till one pass seeding system that allows them to minimize compaction. The Fannik's utilize variable rate technology to properly place their fertilizer/NH<sub>3</sub> where it is most efficiently used. They also incorporate cover crops such as turnips and radishes to prolong the health of their soil profile and assist their livestock operation with fall grazing. Some of their long term goals are to further increase the efficiencies of their current soil profile and utilize practices that encourage it's prolonged health, to lay the foundation for the next generation in their family farm/ranch operation to be successful, and to continue to seek practice that will improve our farm's profitability for the future generations. Because of the Fannik's practical approach to conservation, the Ward SCD congratulates the Fannik's for a job well done.