

## **SUGGESTED NEWS STORY**

Announcement that the Conservation Awards Program will again be held in this county was received today by \_\_\_\_\_, County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, who has been asked to serve as chairman of a committee to select candidates for awards.

"This program is being sponsored", said \_\_\_\_\_, "by the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA). This year the KBA, K-State Research and Extension, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism are excited to announce six award categories including Energy Conservation, Water Quality, Water Conservation, Soil Conservation, Windbreaks, and Wildlife Habitat."

The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the agricultural and natural resources of Kansas by giving recognition to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress in practicing conservation on their farms. Last year (2017) 185 Kansas producers and landowners were recognized through this program.

Nominations can be made by any person in the county. They should be sent to the County Extension Agriculture Natural Resources Agent or the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism District Biologist by November 5, 2018. Please visit the following K-State Research and Extension website for more information: <http://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/extension>