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This Farm is Devine

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The Catawba Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to announce that Devine Farms is the winner of the Mountain Region Conservation Farm Family Award. They were nominated and selected as the Catawba County Conservation Farm Family in February of this year which put them in the running for the area award. They went on to win the area award which was for the thirteen-county Area 2 of the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Winning the area award advanced the Devines to the regional competition for the Mountain Region of North Carolina.

Joe and Susie Devine and their family tend a 123-acre farm between Newton and Maiden. They have implemented numerous conservation measures to improve water quality and to protect the natural resources on the farm. Their operation consists of chicken houses, cattle, goats, sheep, pumpkins, mums, corn and other field crops. They also have an educational barn where Susie gives presentations to school groups of all ages and hosts her summer camps. Joe and Susie are very active in the farming community and also open their farm up to the public on the weekends during the month of October. They have a corn maze, farming demonstrations, live music and much more.

The Devines will now advance on to the State level where they will compete against Piedmont and Coastal Regions for the title of North Carolina Conservation Farm Family.

Congratulations Devine Farms.

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