Over the years, Mark and Connie Tjelmeland have prioritized our natural resources and climate through various conservation practices on their farm near McCallsburg, Iowa.

**OPERATION**

- Practices extended rotation
- Established 5 acres of pollinator habitat with 70 species
- Seeds grassed waterways
- Uses minimum tillage
- Conducts late spring nitrate testing
- Side-dresses nitrogen on their corn

**CLEAN ENERGY**

Mark sees renewable energy as an important part of his role in addressing our changing climate, so he installed solar panels to generate energy for his home and farm.

**COST SAVINGS OF CONSERVATION**

"I wish more farmers were aware of how conservation practices could benefit their operations."

- Mark Tjelmeland

**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

"I am concerned about the ways that our changing climate will affect my grandchildren and future generations. I see conservation practices as a moral choice, but also a practical one."

- Mark Tjelmeland