Doniphan Co farm family recognized (KNZA)- Brett and Brittney Neibling, of rural Highland, have been named a 2023 Kansas Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year.

According to the KFB, the purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding Farm Bureau families who have distinguished themselves through participation in Farm Bureau programs and leadership, family activities, community and civic service, as well as displaying good farm operation management.

The Neiblings have four girls - Brenna, Bristol, Bryce and Brinkley - growing up on their row crop and cow/calf operation, which has been in their family since the Civil War.

The Neiblings grow corn and soybeans on their completely no-till operation and believe conservation is paramount on their farm. They utilize terracing, tile outlet and grass waterways.

The KFB says Brett and Brittney are very involved in their local community. Brittney is a 1st grade teacher at Doniphan West Elementary, and Brett serves on the Doniphan County Conservation District board, and are both involved in their church.

Brett has served for several years on the Doniphan County Farm Bureau board of directors, having served as president for three. He- proud of the successes the county Farm Bureau has had, including creating a Highland Community College Farm Bureau collegiate chapter, hosting farm tours and a meal packing event. At the state level, Brett serves as the vice president of the Kansas Soybean Association and attends several Kansas Farm Bureau events and meetings.

Brett and Brittney think it- important to remember your history and to share your story as farmers - and it- easy for them to keep their history in mind since their family started to build their life on the farm in 1863.

"As farmers, we must be mindful of our practices and tell our story to consumers who are generations removed from the agrarian life," Brett says. "This is paramount to my operation, and it should be for all farmers. We engage with the consumer on social media, constantly upgrade our technology to become more efficient and we take part in sustainability studies to highlight our efforts."

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