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## **LEOPOLD CONSERVATION AWARD GOES TO HEATON LIVESTOCK**

The 2012 Utah Leopold Conservation Award was presented to Heaton Livestock Co., Alton, Utah, last Friday evening during the gala banquet of the annual meeting of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation. The annual award is present to a private landowner who exemplifies the spirit of land stewardship proclaimed by Aldo Leopold in his influential book, *A Sand County Almanac*. The

Heaton family operates a cattle operation in Kane County and on the Arizona Strip, and have a managed deer hunting enterprise on their property. They have been long-time cooperators with NRCS and conservation districts, including installation of irrigation pivots and grazing improvements.



Karl and Ray Heaton, along with Karl's sons Kevin and Kale, were recognized. The accompanying photo shows Kevin, Kale and Ray accepting the crystal award and \$10,000. Karl and his wife are currently away on a church mission assignment.

[The Sand County Foundation](#) presents the award in partnership with the Utah Farm Bureau Federation, the Utah Cattlemen's Assn., Western Ag Credit, and Trout Unlimited. The Utah Association of Conservation Districts also supports the award by presenting the finalists in the completion at their annual meeting. This year's finalists were H.A. Farms of Parowan, Junior Goring of Deweyville, and Heaton Livestock.

NRCS supports the award by producing two videos—one introducing the nominees and one featuring the winner. The 8-minute video featuring Heaton Livestock can be viewed on the Utah NRCS YouTube channel at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if4a0J\\_r\\_fg&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if4a0J_r_fg&feature=plcp).

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