

Landowner Spotlight

In this issue's Landowner Spotlight, we are featuring Wayne Fischer of Aberdeen, SD. Wayne was born and raised on his family farm just 10 miles southwest of Ashley. His parents, Carl and Ida Fischer, had been married 15 years before he was born in 1937. He would be their only child.

The family farm had been homesteaded by his grandfather, Christian C. Fischer. The land consisted of two farms that were about a block apart. Wayne grew up on the farm to the North while his grandfather lived on the farm to the South. While growing up, he had many fond memories with his grandfather. "We were buds," said Wayne, "We did everything together."

Wayne drove an A-Farmall tractor to farm school. His father built a tractor cab for during the cold months. Often times Wayne and his friends would race their tractors home after school. Wayne attended a one room farm school until the sixth grade, his last teacher being Ruth Jenner. His family then moved to Ashley where he continued his schooling. He graduated in 1955 from Ashley High School.

He then attended college in Ellendale, ND. During this time he met Donna Pool, who later became his wife. While in his third year of college, they married. They just celebrated their 60th Anniversary on December 23rd. He graduated college with a teaching degree in Industrial Arts. His first job was in Finley, ND where he taught for four years. He and his wife moved to Aberdeen, SD in 1963, where he started Fischer Construction and built homes for three years. He was then hired at Northern State University as the director of Facilities Management. He worked there for 40 years until he retired in 2006.

Wayne and Donna have two grown children, Brent and Peggy. Today, he enjoys helping with church maintenance projects and playing pool daily at the senior center. We would like to thank Wayne for partnering with Neu Way Farms since 2001.