

Building Soil Research Station On McDowell Farm

Construction work began last week on a research station for study of soil erosion and surface relief (runoff) from grassed back slope terraced areas on the Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDowell land, farmed by Ray McDowell, one-half mile east of Eldora.

The project is a cooperative effort of the Agricultural Research Service and Iowa State University in Ames. Workers last week placed conduit to carry necessary water to the research station. The conduit runs along the Church of the Brethren camp road. Actual construction of the research facilities will begin soon.

The station will be placed about one-half mile north of Highway 57 with studies to be taken from a surrounding 10-acre terraced area owned by McDowell. The station is also designed to measure contamination resulting from insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers.