

KOSSUTH COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
F.Y. 86-87 ANNUAL REPORT

The Kossuth Soil Conservation District (SCD) was organized in 1947 to provide leadership and technical assistance in conservation development and productive use of soil and water in Kossuth Co. The Kossuth SCD directs the efforts of the Soil Conservation Service staff in promoting and applying sound soil conservation practices.

During F.Y. 86-87 the SCS staff worked with 638 landowners in planning and applying 10,613 acres of new conservation plans, 388 acres of contouring, 9 acres of waterways, 10,220 feet of terraces, 2 water & sediment control basins, and 1 grade stabilization structure.

The District administates the state cost share program. Money is provided to help landowners change tillage practices, build terraces, shape and seed grass waterways, and control gullies.

In addition to running the state cost-share program, the Kossuth SCD promotes local conservation through education. Annually an education program for all Kossuth Co. third graders is held at Smith Lake to learn about the need for trees, how to plant trees, and the uses of trees. This year 325 children attended and left with a tree to plant at home.

Scholarships are provided to teachers in Kossuth Co. to attend conservation workshops where materials and training is provided to bring conservation into the classroom. The District provides full scholarships for 2 young people to the annual State Youth Conservation Leadership Camp. Here the goal is to increase awareness of conservation in our society.

Educational materials, slides, booklets, and lesson plans are provided for use in all county schools. The District works closely with the County Conservation Board in promoting public education and use of the few wildlife areas in Kossuth Co.

During F.Y. 85-86, 407 requests were referred to our office for Highly Erodible Land (HEL) determinations under the provision of the Food Security Act.

Two Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up periods were held during the year. There were 158 accepted bids on 9,629 acres. The maximum rental rate is \$90 per acre.

The Kossuth SCD is governed by five elected commissioners--Wendell Christensen, Wesley; Kenneth Brones, Swea City; James F. Antoine, Bancroft; Robert Deal, Algona; and, Kent Seely, Algona. Assistant commissioners include John Simpson, Whittemore; John Ley, Algona; and, Adele Black, Algona.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1986 - June 1987

1-M Account:

Allocation received for F.Y. 86.....	\$ 2,347.36
Disbursements:	
Commissioners' Expenses.....	\$1,092.78
Office Supplies and Expenses.....	1,112.02
Total disbursements.....	\$ 2,347.36

3-M ACCOUNT:

F.Y. 85 allocation received.....	\$ 37,401.00
Funds spent.....	-29,171.37
Terrace construction.....	\$17,328.39
Grassed waterways.....	9,712.98
No-till incentive.....	2,130.00
Funds obligated, practice not completed.....	- 7,500.00
Unobligated balance.....	\$ 369.63
F.Y. 86 allocation received.....	\$ 27,207.00
Funds spent -- contouring	- 1,026.00
Funds obligated, practice not completed.....	- 2,650.00
Unobligated balance.....	\$ 23,531.00

WECIP FUNDS:

F.Y. 86 allocation received.....	\$ 8,850.00
Funds spent.....	\$ 8,850.00
Balance of unobligated funds.....	\$ 0.00