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Davis County farm couple wins conservation award

BLOOMFIELD — A Davis County couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forsythe, have been named regional soil sweepstakes winners in the 1970 Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

They were one of the nine regional sweepstakes award winners announced last week by the state conservationist, Wilson T. Moon, and by director of the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation, William H. Greiner.

The Forsythes will receive various awards and plaques. They operate a 600-acre Grade A Dairy Farm in northwestern Davis County. They have 260 head of dairy stock and milk about 85 cows. They have about 75 head of sheep.

Conservation practices practiced by the Forsythes include 32 acres of row crops of farming on contour; 1.6 miles of terraces; six farm ponds; wildlife and tree planting areas; one-half mile of diversions; 190

acres of renovated pasture with 30 acres planned for renovation; and 1,000 feet of open ditch drainage and 100 acres of converted crop land to pasture.

The Forsythes have been active in Davis County Soil conservation for seven years. He is a past member of the Extension Council and also of the ASCS township committee. He and his wife have served as 4-H leaders.

They earlier had been winners in the owner-operator class in the Davis County Soil Conservation District Contest.