



ANNUAL REPORT 1987
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The Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners present their Annual Report for 1987 with a great sense of pride and satisfaction. Accomplishments this year were outstanding due to a variety of factors, including favorable weather conditions for construction projects, a lively interest in the Conservation Reserve Program, and active participation in the state's financial incentive program. Over 10,000 Lee County acres were added to the District's cooperator role. The District staff assisted over 400 individuals with their conservation efforts. In all, 7,557 acres in Lee County became protected from erosion and benefited directly from District efforts. Indirectly, we feel every resident of Lee County is better served by the District's accomplishments in 1987. We hope you will agree.

LEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Larry L. Lang, Chairman
Scott Weisinger, Vice Chairman
John Blacksmith
Jack Neuendorf
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Roger Higgins, Assistant Commissioner
John Sander, Assistant Commissioner

FIELD OFFICE PERSONNEL - DONNELLSON

Herbert L. Davison, District Conservationist
Douglas DeRosear, Engineering Aide
Mary Adkins, District Clerk

AREA OFFICE PERSONNEL - FAIRFIELD

Lyle Asell, Area Conservationist
Kent Rice, Area Engineer
Darlene Lauder, Area Clerk

OTHER AGENCIES

Dan McGlynn, ASCS Office Manager
Robert Dodds, Extension Director
Stan Tate, District Forester

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FISCAL YEAR 1987

New Cooperators	65
New Cooperators (acres)	10,024
Individuals Assisted	405
Landowners Applying Practices	200
Conservation Plans (acres)	7,833
CRP Planting (acres)	3,186
Terraces Installed (ft.)	20,850
Sediment Control Basins (no.)	132
Cost Share Applications Rec'd.	68
Cost Share Projects Approved	42
Cost Share Projects Completed	35

ACRES BENEFITED FROM ALL PRACTICES

Cropland	6,335
Pasture & Hayland	1,023
Woodland	141
Wildlife	58

Total Acres Benefited 7,557

FINANCIAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 1987



1M Budget (Operating Fund)	
Allocation July 1, 1986	\$ 1,480.00
Commissioner Expenses	\$767.60
Office Supplies/Postage	562.18
Printing Expenses	101.56
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,431.34
Released to State Committee 6/30/87	\$ 48.66



3M Budget (Cost Share Fund)	
Allocation July 1, 1986	\$30,608.00
Supplemental Allocation 3/31/87	56,900.00
Total Allocation	\$87,508.00
Funds Spent or Obligated	(69,564.21)
Unobligated Balance June 30, 1987	\$17,943.79



COMPLIANCE BY 1990

By Herbert L. Davison
District Conservationist

Perhaps few laws were more needed, less understood, and harder to implement than the Food Security Act of 1985; sometimes known as the Sodbuster Law.

Conservationists have seen the need for such legislation for many years. We knew the problems it would cause. We also knew the benefits which would result.

The Food Security Act of 1985 is workable. It is understood some landowners will suffer as the Act is applied. It is also a given fact the nation's natural resources of soil and water, timber and grass, wildlife and air, will benefit.

After 32 years of service, I will be retiring at a time in agriculture's history which is landmark in its potential. I have seen the conservation concept grow from something only a few "farmers" accepted to an ideal all consumers acknowledge as essential to our nation's future well being. The Conservation Compliance plan is their method of protecting those all-important natural resources.

The idea is sound. Refinements are needed. It can work. I encourage you; landowners and consumers alike; to support and work this much needed ideal.

Thank you and farewell.

LEE DISTRICT ANXIOUS TO PLAN

Control erosion on highly erodible land by 1990 and stay eligible for USDA programs. That's what Lee District farmers are choosing to do. Group meetings, sponsored by the District, are being held to distribute erosion and soils information to landowners who want to investigate their planning choices. Persons interested in attending a group meeting should contact the district office.

DO YOU HAVE "HEL"?

Armed with the Lee County Soil Survey Book, an aerial photomap of your farm, and the following "HEL" list, you can investigate your farm for the presence of "highly erodible land". Once identified, HEL acres can be assessed for CRP eligibility, Sodbuster, and Compliance.

HEL Soils in Lee County are:

23C	131B	424D2	763D
23C2	131C2	424D3	792C2
58D2	132B	425C2	792D2
58E2	132C2	425D2	793C2
65E2	132D2	425D3	795C2
65E3	154G	452C2	795C3
65F2	163C2	478G	795D2
65G	179C	499D2	795D3
80C2	222C	499F	832B
80D2	222C2	594C2	832C2
81C2	222C	594D2	880C2
115D	223D2	594D3	950B
	364B	594E2	950D2
			993D2
			1131B

(Over 60% of the land in Lee Co. is considered highly erodible.)