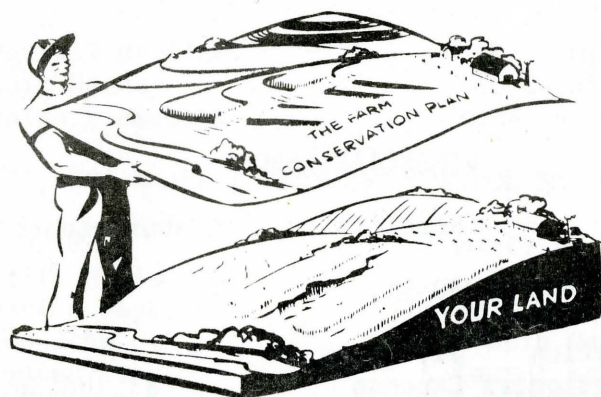


33rd Annual Report

POWESHIEK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 216, Malcom, Iowa 50157

1981 Fiscal Year



FARM YOUR PLAN

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS FOR 1982

Helen Renaud, Chairman
Loren Roorda, Vice-Chairman
Arlene Ford, Treasurer
Carol McCain, Secretary
Miles Clayton, Commissioner
Ross Mintle, Commissioner
Ken Christiansen, Ass't. Commissioner
Wallace Mathes, Ass't. Commissioner
Allen Brannian, Ass't. Commissioner
Ed Hatcher, Ass't. Commissioner
Robert Wemer, Ass't. Commissioner

FIELD OFFICE PERSONNEL

Carol McCain, State Clerk-Typist
Mona Bond, State Engineering Aide
David W. Kudej, District Conservationist

AREA OFFICE PERSONNEL

Keith Glandon, Area Conservationist
John A. O'Bannon, Civil Engineer
Catherine N. Kaspar, Agricultural Engr.
Francis W. Vos, Civil Engr. Technician
Keith L. Hunt, Civil Engr. Technician
Kathleen M. Ohnemus, Area Clerk

NO-TILL--
THE WAY OF THE FUTURE

No-till farming is a rapidly growing method of growing rowcrops which greatly reduces soil erosion as well as fuel, labor and equipment investment required to plant a crop. Over 50 farmers in Poweshiek County used no-till planting on some of their land in 1981. Yields for corn were as high as 169 bushels per acre.

No-till farming provides a means by which soil erosion can be reduced to about one-eighth that which could result from conventional tillage in the fall.

Many fields in Poweshiek County are losing soil six or more times faster than allowable soil losses recommended for long term crop production without yield reductions.

Many farmers are finding that no tillage is needed prior to planting in order to grow good crops, especially corn planted into soybean stubble.

Give no-till serious thought when making your 1982 cropping plans. Include at least a few acres for a trial.

Contact the soil district office for more information and assistance.

A \$10.00 per acre payment is available for planting no-till crops in 1982. Payments are available through the ASCS Office and the Soil Conservation Office in Malcom.

David W. Kudej, District Conservationist

Soil Conservation doesn't
cost--it pays.

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WINDBREAK WINNER

MAJOR PRACTICES

6 GRADE STABILIZATION STRUCTURES

Arthur Keller	Preston Wickham
Morris Altemeier	Jack Wilkinson
John Gorsuch	Marlan McWilliams

8270' TERRACES

Darrell Heetland	J. M. Campbell
Ruth Hannay	W. C. Steele
Selma Dickerson	

27,650' WATER & SEDIMENT CONTROL BASINS

John Rupp	Monty De Jong
Keith Miller	Fisher Farm
Donald Moyer	Darrell Heetland
Don Schuldt	Ruth Hannay
Hansen Bros.	Laurel Keller
Shirley Hostens	Maynard Raffety
Kaaren Goldizen	Morris Altemeier
John Devereux	Rinehart Bros.
Hafkey Farms	George Meeks
Ruth Pederson	Paul Van Roekel

Conservation Tillage.14,770 Ac

Contour Farming 895 Ac

Cropland Benefited by Application of
Conservation Practices14,193 Ac

Pasture & Hayland Benefited by
Application of Conservation
Practices. 1,124 Ac

Cropland Adequately Protected . . . 850 Ac

OTHER SERVICES

Individuals & Groups Assisted . . . 249 No

Individuals & Groups Applying
Practices. 164 No

Conservation Plans. 525 Ac

Let us be soil builders
not soil robbers.

The Richard Grahams of rural Brooklyn were selected to receive the 1982 Windbreak Award co-sponsored by the Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District and the local Izaak Walton League of America.

They planted the windbreak in 1971. It is located on the north and west side of his farmstead and provides protection from wind, snow and a refuge to wildlife.

The purpose of the award is to applaud individuals for planting windbreaks and to encourage others to establish them around their farmsteads.

Cost-share is available through the ASCS-ACP program and technical assistance is available through the Soil Conservation office at no charge.

RECREATIONAL TILLAGE ARE YOU HOOKED?

1. The black fields sure are pretty.
2. ALL the neighbors are out.
3. The neighbors will think I'm lazy if I don't.
4. Just one more pass to smooth up.
5. It's such a nice day.
6. I'd rather drive a tractor than this.
7. Fall fertilizer has to be incorporated.
8. If I don't bury the trash it will plug.

1981 DISTRICT COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS 3,970 Acres

F. G. Brignon	Bruce Ostrom
Larry Mindrup	A. C. Wauters
Edward Eichhorn	Marvin E. Campbell
Larry Minner	Bill Bushong
Charles Beck	James Ryan
Morris Altemeier	Don Donohoe
Bernard L. Upah	Florence Wahl
Dean C. Johnston	Mabel Keller
Donald M. Thompson	Larry W. Beck
James Manatt	Bernard Nagel
George Meeks	

1981 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE DISTRICT

1981 Contributors Cont'd.

We wish to thank the following businesses and individuals who contributed to the Soil Conservation District to further promote soil conservation:

Leland Grattan
 Wylie Sales & Service, Inc.
 T.I.P. Rural Cooperative
 John J. Gorsuch
 Montgomery Insurance
 Frank Helm
 Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance
 Arthur Keller
 Robert C. Wemer
 William Dietrich Earth Moving
 H & R Tiling
 Hertz Farm Management, Inc.
 Howard Sears
 Carl Togle
 Doane Agri Service (June Farm)
 Doane Agri Service (Campbell Farm)
 Poweshiek Co. Savings Bank
 Grinnell State Bank
 Federal Land Bank Ass'n.
 Poweshiek Mutual Insurance
 Dr. B. O. Combs
 D. Johnston Farm Account
 Goodrich Furniture
 Theodore Clausen
 Grinnell Implement
 Grinnell Federal Savings & Loan
 Peoples Savings Bank
 C. A. Postma
 Ferneau Seed
 J. Gaylord Dempster
 Colfax Construction
 Kenneth L. Dieterich
 Zylstra Construction
 Doane Agri Service (Shifflett Farm)
 William Bernstein Trust
 Ann E. Raffety
 Poweshiek County Farm Bureau
 Ruth Gnau Peterson
 Edward Peak
 G. W. Manatt
 J. B. Van Quekelberghe
 Macy Brothers, Inc.
 Charles Johnston
 E. J. Jensen
 Gene Bartachek
 Arthur Blome
 Gibson Savings Bank
 Hartwick State Bank

Ken Benda
 Delmar Ford
 Cargill, Inc.
 Carroll Elscott
 Doane Agri Service (Fisher Farm)
 J. Ronald Everist
 Vera E. Henry
 Bruce Ostrom

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements
1-M BUDGET (1980-81)		
Allocation	\$1,850.00	
Commissioners Expense		\$1,108.36
Office Supplies & Expense		457.96
Printing		231.53
TOTAL EXPENDED		<u>\$1,797.85</u>
Released		52.15
		<u>\$1,850.00</u>
2-M BUDGET (1980-81)		
Allocation	\$24,829.00	
Clerical & Technical		\$22,051.02
Insurance		1,460.57
Meals and Travel		68.75
Equipment Maintenance		105.00
TOTAL EXPENDED		<u>\$23,685.34</u>
Released		1,143.66
		<u>\$24,829.00</u>
3-M BUDGET (1981-82)		
Allocation	\$59,513.90	
Disbursed to Landowners		\$27,118.60
Obligated		21,160.80
Unobligated		11,234.50
		<u>\$59,513.90</u>
REVOLVING FUND		
Balance on Hand 1-1-81		\$172.98
Receipts - Income		\$3,025.66
Receipts - Reimbursements		687.63
Disbursements		3,776.13
Balance on Hand 12-31-81		110.14

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CONT'D.

Eleven regularly scheduled and four special meetings were held by the Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District Commissioners. Commissioners also attended the spring and fall regional meetings at Iowa City. Other meetings attended by the Commissioners: Annual Short Course at Ames, Land Regulations Rules Hearing, Annual Conference at Des Moines and 1 meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

Contractors Meeting - Joint meeting of Poweshiek-Jasper Counties on February 24th at Farm Service in Grinnell. Approximately 90 contractors and representatives attended. Lunch was sponsored by various equipment dealers and suppliers.

Soil Stewardship Week - May 24th through 31st. The theme was "Society's Pressure Points". Program inserts were given to churches in the county.

District Fair Booth - The theme this year promoted no-till. A display was made showing various stages of no-till along with informative facts. Trees and shrubs donated by Wayside Floral & Garden Center, Kellogg Nursery and Belle Plaine Nursery were given away at drawings. Commissioners Ross Mintle and Miles Clayton also assisted at a booth at the State Fair.

The District sponsored the attendance of Melba Strickler of Grinnell and Helen Brooks of Brooklyn to attend the Teachers Fall Conservation Workshop in Ottumwa.

No-till Program - During the month of May, the Commissioners co-sponsored a no-till planter with John Deere. 21 farmers were assisted in planting nearly 500 acres. Gene Merck of Montezuma was named county winner in the no-till division of the Master Corn Growers Contest.

A morning and afternoon no-till tour was sponsored by the District. Fields on the Gene Merck, Dennis and Henry Harris, Bob Wemer and Gary Wilson farms were toured.

A no-till conference was presented by the Commissioners at the Malcom Auditorium.

Lunch was sponsored by Monsanto, Shell and Chevron Chemical companies and served by the Poweshiek County Cowbells. Approximately fifty persons attended.



.. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WILL PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE

GROUPS WHO ASSIST THE DISTRICT

1. Soil Conservation Service
2. Department of Soil Conservation
3. County ASCS
4. County Extension Service
5. State Conservation Commission
6. Chemical dealers
7. State & National Association of District Commissioners
8. Grinnell Kiwanis Club
9. Newspapers
10. Radio and TV stations
11. County Board of Supervisors
12. Contractors
13. Vocational Agriculture
14. Farm equipment dealers
15. Banks
16. Public schools
17. County Farm Bureau
18. County Grange
19. County Conservation Board
20. FmHA
21. Professional & business personnel
22. Izaak Walton League
23. Construction equipment companies and suppliers



Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District

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March, 1982

Dear Conservation Friend,

We need your financial support. No advertising will be done in our Annual Report this year. We are relying entirely on your donations. This will reduce our time selling the ads and cut our cost of printing and mailing.

The Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District has been in operation for 37 years helping hundreds of land users with soil and water conservation work in the county. The District is our own legal organization set up under state law. Landowners voted it into existence and a governing board of your friends and neighbors manage it.

We are elected at the General Election and serve 6 year terms without salary. We enjoy serving because our cause is vitally important and the job must be sponsored by local people.

However, Districts have no taxing and bonding authority to raise funds for some of our expenses. We need help in financing some of our educational and promotional activities. A few examples are our Field Day expenses, youth programs, Soil Stewardship for churches and various meeting expenses. We also join a state and national association of soil conservation districts that are our voice to our lawmakers on conservation efforts.

Through your cooperation we will be able to continue our active program. Please make any checks payable to the Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District. Thank you for your support. All contributions will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

POWESHIEK COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Helen A. Renaud, Chairman
District Commissioners

Miles Clayton
R. R.
Brooklyn

Arlene Ford
R. R. 2
Brooklyn

Ross Mintle
R. R. 1
Malcom

Helen Renaud
R. R. 1
Grinnell

Loren Roorda
R. R.
Montezuma

