

Cost-Share Funds Are Still Available For 1960 ACP

Inclement weather during the spring of 1960 has curtailed the use of conservation practices throughout the state. Cost-sharing funds are available to assist farmers in carrying out practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

So far this year 466 farmers in Hardin county are receiving cost-share payments for performing conservation practices on their farms averaging about \$80 per farm. A survey in the county indicates some loss of crops on many farms due to ponds in cropland that does not have adequate drainage. Soil erosion also has occurred on a number of farms due to lack of terraces and sod-waterways.

There is still ample time yet this year to complete tiling, terraces, sodwaterways and other needed practices. Farmers must sign an ACP application at the county ASC office to the actual performance of the practice. After they have signed the application for permanent type practices such as tiling and terraces, the farmers will receive technical assistance from the local Soil Conservation Service in Eldora.

If farmers are planning on spreading limestone this is the right time of the year to observe the need while the crops are growing. Limestone must be applied according to a soil test. The lime may be applied to cropland devoted to legumes or legume-grass mixtures in 1960 or to cropland that will be seeded to such uses in 1961.

Farmers should have his land tested now if they plan to apply lime later this year. A field assistant is available to take soil samples. One should contact the Hardin county ASC office for more detailed information on conservation practices available under ACP.