

1988 Fayette County Soil Conservation District Annual Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988

IM ORIGINAL ALLOCATION	\$ 1,400.00
Commissioners Expenses	-671.20
Office Supplies and Expenses.....	-387.82
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,059.02
Returned to State	\$ 340.98

IIIM BUDGET COST-SHARE PROGRAM

1988-1989 Original Allocation	\$ 46,231.00
Obligated	32,232.55
Spent	-0-
Unobligated Balance	\$ 13,998.45
1987-1988 Original Allocation	\$ 44,511.00
Obligated	6,480.37
Spent	20,227.39
Unobligated Balance	17,803.24

Volga Lake - 75%

Original Allocation	\$ 29,277.00
Spent to Date	-0-
Returned to State	\$ 29,277.00

CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1988 Fiscal Year

NAME	NUMBER	ACRES
Individuals and Groups Assisted	2,917	
Individuals and Groups Applying Practices	154	
Resource Management System Planned	292	
Tracts/No Highly Erodible Land	1,422	
Tracts/Highly Erodible Land	1,589	117,037
Tracts with an Approved Conservation Plan	879	75,727
Tracts with Wetlands	15	98
Tracts with Converted Wetlands	5	38
Negative Wetland Determinations	6	
Tracts received from ASCS for a Highly Erodible Land Determination	2,763	
Conservation Cropping System		3,230
Conservation Tillage System		3,900
Contour Farming		2,170
Grade Stabilization Structure	1	
Grassed Waterway		34
Contour Stripcropping		1,070
Terraces		31,050
Water & Sediment Control Basin	5	
Farmstead/Feedlot Windbreak	19	
Cropland Benefited		14,870
Conservation Reserve Program		3,195

October - 1987

Assistant Commissioner, Jon Steege, filled in for Soil Conservation Office Manager Jerry Muff to present the Outstanding Soil Conservation Award to Jon Grimes at the Annual Farm Bureau banquet-meeting.

Ursula Allen won first place in the Junior Division of the Regional Essay Contest.

Muff attended a Conservation meeting on Oct. 28. Plans were made for the Economic Yield Contest.

November - 1987

Robin Buroden and Rick Miller were hired as District Employees. We are utilizing JTPA to make the District Employees money go further.

Muff gave a presentation at a breakfast program for Ag business people covering the

Conservation Provisions of the 1985 Food & Security Act.

Muff contacted ridge tillers to work with Roger Koster and the extension service to set up field demonstrations and research plots illustrating the nitrogen fertilizer spoke injector system on ridges.

January - 1988

Jerry Muff and Earth Team Volunteer, William Bennett, worked on the Economic Yield Contest entries. There were 37 participants. Jim Graham developed a format and computer program for this project. He also worked with Howard County to help them get started on their Economic Yield Contest.

The Fayette County Conservation Association held its annual meeting at Upper Iowa University.

February - 1988

Jerry Muff and Art Roseland, DNR Wildlife Biologist, met with the County Engineers to promote and plan seeding road ditches to native plants at the Volga River Recreation Area.

The SCS staff assisted the SWCD with its Conservation Fair. Approximately 75 people attended.

Muff gave a Conservation Provisions presentation at a series of ASCS Feed Grain meetings. Approximately 200 people attended.

The Economic Yield Contest annual banquet was held at the Sportsmen in Oelwein.

March - 1988

Bud Siebrecht, Soil Conservation Technician, organized and emceed the contractors meeting held at the Valhalla in Clermont.

Jerry Muff provided a Conservation Compliance session for six co-op and Farm Service agronomists and the extension director. They were given detailed information on sodbuster and swampbuster provisions. He also trained them on the use of soil loss tables to show their clients various conservation alternatives. The SCS provided these agricultural businesses with the soil loss alternative book.

Muff met with the Conservation Board Association to make plans for a summer tour.

April - 1988

Muff spoke to a group of Vo-Ag students at the North Fayette High School.

May - 1988

Muff worked with the North Fayette Vo-Ag students to stake out Erosion Productivity Study plots.

June - 1988

The Conservation Association held its annual Field Day at the Ben Hunsberger farm near Elgin. Ridge tilled corn, spoke injector, and cultivator methods were all observed. Muff discussed the Conservation Compliance Program. Percent residue cover, grassed headlands, waterways, and contouring were shown to those in attendance. The Fayette SWCD served the lunch sponsored by herbicide representatives.

July - 1988

Muff met with RC & D Coordinator, Ric Zarwell, and Duane Pleggenkuhle to discuss the initiation of the Northeast Iowa Hay Growers Association.

August - 1988

Muff has devoted time to organize and set up meetings to secure funds to purchase a weigh wagon through the RC & D office. The purpose of the wagon was to improve accuracy and consistency of yield measurements for the Economic Yield Contest. The EYC has been very successful at enrolling many participants and at illustrating benefits of conservation tillage and prudent application of fertilizers and chemicals. This project was approved by the RC & D council, but it was turned down by the State Office. Had it been approved, Jerry Muff felt this project used as a pilot and shared with other neighboring counties would have gained credibility and grown to have far reaching water quality benefits.

September - 1988

The CCRG development group met to establish the ACP cost-share program. LTA's will hopefully be re-established in Fayette County. Cost-share rates for practices were adjusted according to priorities.

Fayette County held a Soil Judging and Contour Layout contest for vo-ag students at the Volga River Recreation Area. Twenty-two students participated.