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Honored for conserving the soil

The Benton County Soil Conservation District Friday honored six people for their outstanding efforts to protect the area's number one resource—its land. Conservation District Commissioners Dick Schild, left, and Rommann Gardner, right, presented recognition awards to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Hepker left, in the tenant-operator division, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Elwick, Vinton, center, owner division, and to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Purdy, La Porte City, in the owner-operator division.

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Purdy, Hepker, Elwick cited for soils work

TIMESNEWS — The soil conservation efforts of two farm operators and one farm owner were cited by the Benton County Soil Conservation District at its annual awards banquet last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hepker, Urbana were given to the top award in the county in the tenant-operator division. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Elwick were honored in the owner division. Both of these awards were for the land Hepker farms, which is owned by the Elwicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Purdy, LaPorte City, were honored as the top farm program in the owner-operator division.

The citations were presented as part of the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program honoring outstanding soil conservation programs on Iowa farms.

The program is sponsored by the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Districts and by the local soil conservation district, in this case the Benton County district. (The contest was formerly associated with

and received co-sponsorship from the Des Moines Register.)

The Purdy's program was honored for the use of a wide variety of conservation practices implemented over the past several years.

The Purdys farm four miles southwest of LaPorte City, incorporating 84 acres of contouring, 2.5 acres of water ways, 17 acres of terraces, one acre of trees planted as a windbreak, one concrete stabilization structure, 16 acres of conservation tillage,

seven acres of pasture renovation and 14,000 feet of drainage tile.

The Elwick land farmed by Hepker is just west of Urbana on Highway 101. That conservation program includes the installation and use of 6,200 feet of parallel terraces, 25 acres of contour crops and 10,000 feet of drainage tile.

The awards were presented during a noon luncheon Thursday for the soil conservation district commissioners, staff, and friends.