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March 21, 1950

Arthur M. Streepy, Chairman
Appanoose County Soil Conservation
District Commissioners
Cincinnati, Iowa

Dear Mr. Streepy:

The copy of the Annual Report of the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District has just come to my attention. The report reflects progress that you have made during the calendar year 1949.

I note that you feel you have made good progress and that your program is moving ahead in a satisfactory manner.

It is apparent that you have established very good working relationships with the agencies and organizations in your district and are making good use of their assistance in the development of the conservation program in the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District. I am happy to note that Mr. Stark has been making good progress in assisting farmers in planning and the application of the farm conservation programs. The addition of personnel and equipment supplied through state funds should strengthen the services which you are able to make available to farmers.

Very truly yours,

Attachment

FHM
Frank H. Mendell,
State Conservationist

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Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee
U. S. D. A. Soil Conservation Service
Iowa State Extension Service
Iowa State Conservation Commission

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Chairman

Anywhere in Appanoose Co., Iowa
Furthering Soil Conservation

Centerville, Iowa
January 1, 1950

APPANOOSE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1949.

TO: The Honorable Charles Brannan, U. S. Sec. of Agriculture

The Commissioners of the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District respectfully submit the following report covering the operations of the district during the calendar year of 1949.

In the year of 1949 soil conservation advanced to a great degree. This is shown by an increase in farms planned, also in the interest taken by the farmers in this district.

Being an off year for election of district offices, there was no election held.

The District is still operating the bulldozer which was loaned them by the government and it has been put to extensive use. The financial statement will be sent apart at a later date. Suffice to say here it has not been apaying proposition because of the heavy expenses incurred through labor and repairs.

As a result of the \$250,000 appropriated by the state of Iowa to be used by the districts, this district was enabled to hire both a technical assistant and a clerical assistant to help in the Soil Conservation Service office. The state has also approved requests for equipment for this district, listed as follows: A whirlwind terracer, scoop, florescent ceiling light, two florescent desk lamps, filing cabinet, secretarial chair, 8 folding chairs, camera, and folders. This totals approximately \$2,000.

The District entered into the following demonstrations: Contour schools, Soil Conservation Field Day, and the Contour Plowing Match. Also, 280 pounds of Fischer Bromegrass was distributed to cooperators for the purpose of increasing the supply of seed in this district. This seed was obtained from a cooperator who had been distributed seed for the same purpose.

SOIL SURVEYING
TERRACING
CROP ROTATIONS
GULLY CONTROL

FARM PLANNING
CONTOURING
PASTURE IMPROVEMENT
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The District got very good cooperation from other agencies including the Extension Service, P.M.A., F.H.A., County Board of Supervisors, Centerville Association of Commerce and the State Conservation Committee.

The Farm Planner, Wm. E. Stark, planned 51 farms in 1949, compared with 25 farms planned in 1948, this now making a total of 177 plans completed at the close of 1949. This increase, we believe, was made through a change of personnel in the Soil Conservation Service office, and additional personnel from the State Soil Conservation committee.

We believe that the District program is becoming well known and accepted throughout the district. This is shown by the list of 120 applications for farm plans now needing to be planned.

This district entered into an organization with six other counties to further soil conservation on the land to determine the direct results on flood control. A small water shed of approximately 2,000 acres has been selected to carry out experimental work towards this end.

The following is the work accomplished during the year 1949:

51 plans	totalling	10,018 acres
Contour		2,015 acres
Strip Crop		179 acres
Pasture Improvement		678 acres
Seed Pasture		202 acres
Farm Ponds		40
Terraces		11.43 Miles
Diversions		2.88 Miles
Farm Drainage		91 acres with 1.34Mi. of ditch.
Structures		1
Waterways		65,950 lineal ft.

The commissioners, with the aid of the farm planner, set up the following goals for the year of 1950:

Farm Plans	60
Follow-ups	52
Replanning plans	3
Contouring	1200 Acres
Contour strip crop	96 acres
Terraces	7 Miles
Diversions	1.25 Miles
Waterways	1.5 Miles
Improved Pastures	800 Acres
Seed Pasture	160 Acres
Wildlife Improvement	4 Acres
Ponds	8
Open Drains	1 Mile
Fence Row Management	.19 Miles
Structures	1
Farm Drainage	8 Acres

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Due to the increased demand of soil conservation in the District, we look to find the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District advancing in agricultural income in future years. This, we believe, will be brought about by an increase in forage crops, thereby increasing the amount of dairy and beef cattle in the district.

/s/ Arthur M. Streepy
Arthur M. Streepy, Chairman

/s/ George A. Scott
George A. Scott, Commissioner

/s/ Richard C. Wilson
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