

1953
ANNUAL REPORT



Kossuth County
Soil Conservation District

S U M M A R Y

The Soil Conservation Service attached to this District completed 27 farm plans during 1953. This brings the total of basic farm plans in operation to 204 in number, covering 39,500 acres in Kossuth County. In addition, 97 new requests for basic plans or for assistance in specific conservation practices have been received and are being processed.

The technical personnel, in cooperation with the Production and Marketing administration, certified 276,286 L.F. of tile drainage and 711 acres of farm drainage during 1953.

The District held a public annual meeting and an election. Harvest Home Sunday programs were sponsored, and special inspection tours to "Conservation Farms" by local Service Clubs were initiated.

The educational program was furthered by the District working closely with the public schools, the Vocational Agricultural classes, and the Adult Educational program.

FOREWORD

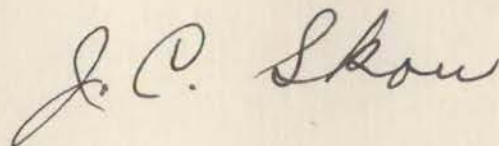
To the Farmers and all who are interested in the land of Kossuth County:

We have said it before, and we wish to say it again that we believe: "What is good for the soil is good for the man who farms it." We believe that this is the essence of farming the "conservation way". It is not farming by hit or miss! It is farming in accordance with a sound basic plan of operation; a voluntary plan which is fitted to each individual farm, to the man who operates it, to the soils of the farm, and to the cropping and livestock system the farmer prefers. Such a plan has as its goal the improvement of the land to insure good crop yields, and productivity which will steadily increase the value of the farmers investment in time, labor and capital.

The recognition of these principles is the reason why the farmers of the county voted the establishment of this conservation district. Your district's work therefore continues to be aimed primarily toward achieving the use of each acre of land within its capabilities and treating each acre of land according to its needs.

COMMISSIONERS, KOSSUTH COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

J. C. Skow, Chairman
T. E. Lagerstrom
Jerry Heetland
John Burton, Secretary



Soil Conservation Applied to the Farms of Kossuth County United States Soil Conservation Service

Leon H. Laird, Farm Planner

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

27 Completed Farm Plans in 1953.

To Date Total: 204 Farm Plans.

PRACTICES APPLIED ON COOPERATION FARMS

Practices	Unit	Applied—1953	Applied To Date
Contouring	Acres	433	930
Pasture Improvement	Acres	269	309
Farm Drainage	Acres	219	455
Closed Drains	Lin. Ft.	86,471	152,035
Crop Rotations	Acres	13,618	17,034
Field Reorganization	Acres	5,601	20,219
Green Manure Crops	Acres	6,248	7,987
Waterways & Outlets	Acres	19	43

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN COOPERATION WITH THE P.M.A.

Agricultural Conservation Program

Certification—Tile Drains ----- Lin. Ft. ----- 276,286
Farm Drainage ---- Acres ----- 711

TECHNICIANS SERVING THE KOSSUTH COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Elizabeth Miller, Kossuth District Clerk
Leon H. Laird, Farm Planner
Oliver S. Carlson, Conservation Aid
SERVING THIS AND OTHER DISTRICTS
Joe M. Colgan, Area Conservationist
Allen Ray Hidlebaugh, Soil Scientist

"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO PLAN FOR IT"

1953 FINANCIAL REPORT

The 1953 allocation of funds by the State of Iowa to the Kossuth District was made again on the basis of requirements. The allocation is divided into two (2) yearly budgets. The 1-A budget of \$500.00—is for defraying operating expenses. This is a fixed budget. The 2-A budget is based on the districts recommendation on expenditures needed to bring conservation to the land of the county. Both budgets are subject to the approval of the Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee and money for each item of expense must be requisitioned as the expenditure occurs.

The Kossuth District had the following receipts and expenditures during 1953:

1953 FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

For Calendar Year 1953*

Balance Jan. 1, 1953		
1-A Budget -----	\$ 577.71	
(Funds from 1952-1953 Allocation)		
2-A Budget -----	918.50	
		\$1,496.21
RECEIPTS		
1-A Budget for 1953-1954 -----	500.00	
2-A Budget for 1953-1954 -----	1,764.00	
		2,264.00
Total Credits December 31, 1953 -----		\$3,760.21
EXPENDITURES		
1-A Budget—		
District Operation Expense, Jan. 1,		
1953 to June 30, 1953 -----	344.30	
(Paid out of 1952-53 Allocation)		
District Operation Expense, July 1,		
1953 to Dec. 31, 1953 -----	89.60	
(Paid out of 1953-54 Allocation)		
Total 1-A Budget Expenditures -----		433.90
2-A Budget—		
Salaries for Clerical Assistant, Jan.		
1, 1953 to June 30, 1953 -----	918.50	
(Paid out of 1952-53 Allocation)		
Salaries for Clerical Assistant, July		
1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953 -----	891.75	
(Paid out of 1953-54 Allocation)		
Total 2-A Budget Expenditures -----		1,810.25
ACCOUNTS TRANSFERRED		
Funds from 1952-1953 1-A Budget		
Returned to State Funds, June		
30, 1953 -----	233.41	
1953-1954 1-A Budget Funds on		
Hand Dec. 31, 1953 Transferred		
to 1954 District Accounts -----	410.40	
1953-1954 2-A Budget Funds on		
Hand Dec. 31, 1953 Transferred		
to 1954 District Accounts -----	872.25	
		1,516.06
Total Debits December 31, 1953 -----		\$3,760.21

*This account is prepared on the calendar year basis from the District Accounts that are on a fiscal year ending June 30th. Prepared by Elizabeth Miller, Clerk.

SOIL CONSERVATION IN KOSSUTH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A. M. Quintard,
Superintendent

Mrs. Fidelia Killsholm,
Elem. School Supervisor

The schools of the county system are making use of the Conservation Handbook schedule which includes the study of Forest, Mineral and Water Conservation practices this school year.

With each topic we have employed the use of local adaptations where possible and brought in films of scenes in other parts of our country where the practices are being used.

A conducted tour in our own State Park (Ambrose A. Call) was available to all those interested. Here a study of the trees, their nature, and other protected growth was made. Two films, one on the Making of Paper, and one on Trees Farming were shown to all interested schools.

Since we do not have any minerals or oil deposits in the county this study will be confined to the films and writing dealing with these practices in other parts of our state and country.

Flood control practices can be found in some parts of own county, the illustrations of need and how to protect will be the aim of this study. The local conservation office will be most helpful in this study by providing locations and suitable materials.

Since these topics did not directly affect the homes of our school children our main purpose in their study was to show how they can and do affect other homes in our country. If it weren't for Forest Conservation, we would not have paper, lumber, and other wood products. If it weren't for Mineral and Oil Conservation, we would not have transportation by motor, metals, etc. If it weren't for flood control, we and many others would not have food to eat and many homes, factories, schools, etc., would be destroyed. All is necessary for Human Conservation. How can we help? We teach children how, why, and where they can do the most to protect themselves and others.

"IF YOU TRIED TO DO SOMETHING AND FAILED, YOU ARE VASTLY BETTER OFF THAN IF YOU TRIED TO DO NOTHING AND SUCCEED."

ALGONA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE DEPT. ALGONA PUBLIC SCHOOL

G. W. Sefrit
Voc. Agricultural Instructor

The Vocational Agriculture Department of the Algona Public school has an enrollment of 50 farm boys, who are preparing themselves for the business of farming. In all four of the Vocational Agriculture subjects taught we emphasize good soil conservation practices. More time is spent in the course on crops and soils, than in the other three courses, on our proper use of commercial fertilizers, green manures and barnyard manures, soil testing, soil typing and classifications. Practical work is given in laying out contours, terraces, and tiled ditches.

In the past year we have tested approximately 1500 acres of soil for class members. Each member of the Soils and Farm Management classes makes a complete farm plan of his home farm following the recommendations of the Soil Conservation Service.

In our Farmer's Evening School, which has an enrollment to date of 163 members, five of our ten meetings this year were spent on some phase of soil and crop management.

A number of the Vocational Agriculture students are already planning test plots for corn yield tests and fertilizer tests on both corn and oats for this summer. Last year we ran 14 corn yield test plots.

COOPERATORS IN THE KOSSUTH COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Owner	Operator	Township
Marks, F. M. -----	Will, Fred -----	Lu Verne
Fritzemeier, F. C. -----	Will, G. M. -----	Lu Verne
Will, Frederick -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Sorenson, Charles -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Ehler, Harris W. -----	Sorensen, Chas. -----	Lu Verne
Chambers, Earl R. -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Grimsehl, Geo. F. -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Wolf, George -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Trenary, Mrs. Matie -----	Trenary, Robt. & Elmer -----	Lu Verne
Harr, Mrs. Edna I. -----	Olson, Geo. H. -----	Cresco
Anderson, Emil, Estate -----	Anderson, Orville -----	Lu Verne
Hobscheidt, John -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Black, Hugh, et al -----	Black, Hugh M. -----	Irvington
Hutchins, H. D. & Black, Robt. -----	Black, Robert -----	Irvington
Raney, Hugh -----	Raney, W. H. -----	Irvington
Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Co. -----	Smith, David A. -----	Cresco
Raney, Hugh -----	Raney, W. H. -----	Irvington
Brack, Tice -----	Zielske, Arthur R. -----	Harrison
Capesius, Bernard -----	Same -----	Irvington
Lewis, Frank T. -----	Same -----	Ledyard
Lewis, Frank T. -----	Lewis, Hugh R. -----	Ledyard
Callies, L. E. -----	Steven, R. E. -----	Portland
Ruger, Walter -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Voss, John Sr. -----	Voss, John Jr. -----	Lu Verne
Tindall, J. W. -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Ernst, Amalie & Walter -----	Tindall, J. W. -----	Prairie
Cram, Carroll J. -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Richardson, Clif -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Heetland, Jerry -----	Same -----	Ledyard
Hobscheidt, George -----	Same -----	Lu Verne
Elbert, Leo P. -----	Same -----	Prairie
Raney, J. A. -----	Danielson, Arnold -----	Irvington
Wise, Herman -----	Same -----	Prairie
Struthers, Mrs. Geo. -----	Struthers, Arnold -----	Garfield
Traub, Fred -----	Same -----	Garfield
Wiemer Estate -----	Klinksiek, Ervin -----	Ledyard
Ellingson, Melvin -----	Same -----	Garfield
Hackman, Mrs. -----	Chambers, Earl R. -----	Lu Verne
Bormann, Charles M. -----	Same -----	Whittemore
Kollasch, Fred H. -----	Same -----	Whittemore

Siems, Erwin H. -----	Elbert, August A. ---	Whittemore
Adams, Roy E. -----	Adams & Adams -----	Whittemore
Seims, Mrs. Emilie -----	Balgeman, Harlan --	Whittemore
Fandel, Mrs. Anna -----	Fandel, Walter J. ---	Whittemore
Nielsen, George K. -----	Nielsen, Harold A. -----	Seneca
Nielsen, Albert C. -----	Nielsen, Melvin S. -----	Seneca
Jones, Harold V. -----	Same -----	Swea
Burlingame, Hattie -----	Raney, Lyle -----	Irvington
Jacobson, Chas. O. -----	Klein, Roy D. -----	Seneca
Hansen, Theron C. -----	Same -----	Wesley
Meyer, Hugo -----	Same -----	Whittemore
Lickteig Louis -----	Same -----	Prairie
Frimml, W. J. -----	Vitzthum, G. J. -----	Wesley
Johnson, Albert H. -----	Same -----	Prairie
Goplerud, June Adel -----	Nygaard, Charles -----	Prairie
Skow, J. C. -----	Skow, Joseph A. -----	Wesley
Smith, Mrs. Neal -----	Smith, David A. -----	Cresco
Weber, John F. -----	Same -----	Irvington
Herbst, Joel M. -----	Lemkee, A. M. -----	Irvington
Runchey, William -----	Runchey & Smith -----	Garfield
Runchey, Est. -----	Runchey & Smith -----	Riverdale
Runchey, Effie -----	Runchey & Smith ---	Whittemore
Gilmore, Katherine & H. L. -----	Hurn, Paul -----	Cresco
Jensen, Est. -----	Lockwood, Everett --	Lotts Creek
Meyer, Herman, Est. -----	Meyer, Alfred H. ---	Whittemore
Budlong, Mary H. -----	Same -----	Cresco
Studer, Herman J. -----	Same -----	Prairie
Jenkinson, Glen W. -----	Jenkinson, Frank C. -----	Union
Dodds, Homer W. -----	Same -----	Union
Union Slough -----	Same -----	Ramsey
Schenck, Mrs. Eliz. A. -----	Schenck, Lee -----	Union
Turner, Volmar Land Co. -----	Troff, Peter -----	Ledyard
Turner, C. G. -----	Work, Orval -----	Grant
Kruse, F. H. -----	Wenger, Vernon -----	Eagle
Roalson, Merton -----	Same -----	Eagle
Ostergaard, Arne & Ingvard -----	Same -----	Eagle
Phelps, Jess E. -----	Phelps, Wm. R. -----	Eagle
Paulsen, Anna -----	Paulsen, Elmer -----	Ramsey
Weimer, W. E. -----	Reese, Chas. -----	Springfield
Brack, Tice -----	Blome, Arlowe C. -----	Ledyard
Boldridge, Wm. N. -----	Same -----	Riverdale
Yoch, Andrew -----	Girres, C. L. -----	Garfield
Harms, Irvin -----	Same -----	Garfield
Harms, Julius -----	Same -----	Garfield
Dahlhauser, P. J. -----	Joynt, Irvin -----	Garfield

Linde, H. W.	Same	Eagle
Taylor, Est.	Bormann, George	Riverdale
Elsenbast, C. B.	Same	Garfield
Girres, C. L.	Same	Garfield
Harms, Fred	Same	Garfield
Ellingson, Elmer M.	Brandow, Harold	Garfield
Nurre, Leo	Same	Ramsey
Reid, John H. Est.	Reid, Ida & Son	Union
Grill, Alfred	Same	Cresco
Lagerstrom, T. E.	Same	Union
Juckniess, Anna C.	Lagerstrom & Juckniess	R'dale
Black, Paul	Black, Robert	Irvington
Miller, Lawrence O.	Same	Lu Verne
Cunningham, Frank C.	Same	Ramsey
Anderson, G. O.	Stefanski, Andrew M.	Harrison
Lee, R. S.	Same	Riverdale
Bradley, Joe & Walt	Schneider, Wilfred	Riverdale
Struecker, Herman	Struecker, Victor	Seneca
Cody, Albert	Same	Seneca
Nelson, August	Brown, Elson	Seneca
Osborn, Clarence	Same	Seneca
Newel, F. C. Est.	Borchardt, Ervin P.	Fenton
Morgan, Ralph E.	Same	Cresco
Frankl, Gerald	Same	Irvington
Rolfsema, K. M.	Callies, C. F.	Buffalo
Budlong, Arthur J.	Same	Buffalo
Budlong, Mrs. Roy	Budlong, Donald G.	Buffalo
Bilsborough, M. J.	Same	Buffalo
Orthel, H. J.	Same	Buffalo
Larsen, Vernon	Same	Buffalo
Harner, George	Same	Harrison
Newel, Charles H.	Newel, Lyle C.	Fenton
Norris, H. R.	Trauger, Merlin	Prairie
Lorenz, W. A.	Weydert, Herbert	Portland
Treat, Floyd	Same	Swea
Bahnsen, Bahne K.	Bass, Wm.	Fenton
Baumann, John	Same	Whittemore
Bleich, W. E.	Lovstad, Clifford	Plum Creek
Campney, Harold	Same	Union
Ditsworth, Alice	Campney, Walter	Plum Creek
Campney, Walter	Same	Plum Creek
Best, N. B.	Same	Union
Baumann, Wm. J.	Kollasch, Fred	Whittemore
Merkle, Elmer	Elbert, August	Whittemore
Carlson, Mrs. Selma	Carlson, Clifford J.	Whittemore
Kemna, John	Same	Ramsey
Bradley, Joe & Walter	Bradley, Garland	Cresco
Miller, Russell	Same	Seneca
Fuchsen, Orval	Same	Garfield
Gorackowski, Walter	Same	Eagle
Lofstrom, Carl	Same	Eagle
Larsen, Harvey C.	Same	Eagle
Holcomb, P. A.	Holcomb, R. M.	Swea
Peterson, R. E.	Same	Swea
Pehrson, Roy M.	Same	Eagle
Droessler, John & Frank	Same	Greenwood

Larsen, Henry M.	Larsen, Harvey	Harrison
Merrill, L.	Larson, Lester	Wesley
Thoreson, Bros.	Same	Swea-Eagle
Pavik, A. C.	Same	Eagle
Miller, B. E.	Same	Portland
Mogler, Sam E.	Same	Whittemore
Irmiter, H. F.	Same	Swea
Dau, Clarence	Miller, Joe	Union
Olson, Nora	Olson, Glenn	Swea
Thompson, Ed.	Janse, Earl F.	Lu Verne
Garner, Stanley	Same	Plum Creek
Keith, Wayne	Same	Plum Creek
Keith, Kyle	Dearchs, Charles C.	Plum Creek
Keith, Wayne	Same	Plum Creek
Seely, Claude	Same	Plum Creek
Kent, Fred	Ringsdorf, Wendell	Plum Creek
Hutchins, Irene	Bjustrom, Cecil	Lotts Creek
Beaver, Charles	Same	Seneca
Stainbrook, Mary	Same	Lotts Creek
Taylor, W. E. & M. J. & W. R.	Morgan, Ralph	Whittemore
Hunt, Harold C.	Same	Union
Hauswirth, R. L.	Same	Lu Verne
Troutman, Harley	Same	Burt
Klemn, Joseph	Same	Irvington
Schoby, C. R.	Same	Cresco
*Cunningham & Hawcott	Cunningham, M. J.	Burt
*Dau, Wm.	Ruhnke, Wilbert	Cresco
*Dahl & Schuler	Holcomb, P. A.	Eagle
*Kain, Robert	Same	Plum Creek
*Northrope, Earl	Same	Lu Verne
*Anderson, Orville	Same	Lu Verne
*Hauser, Ralph	Same	Cresco
*Mawdsley, Mrs. Sadie	Same	Irvington
*Mawdsley, J. C.	Hagan, Lloyd	Prairie
*Brown, F. H. & E. M.	Same	Seneca
*Brones, Andrew	Same	Eagle
*DeBoer, Ted. Jr.	Same	Buffalo
*Platt, Howard	Miller, Andy	Plum Creek
*Holst, Bertram	Welfare, Bros.	Ledyard
*Holst, Bertram	Jones, Wayne	Ledyard
*Troutman, Harley	Reilly, Louis	Union
*McQuire, M. T.	McGuire, Wm.	Riverdale
*Hutchins, Hazel	Hutchins, Robert	Wesley
*Skow, Joseph A.	Same	Wesley
*Zigrang, H. L.	Mergen, Joe	Irvington
*Hedlund, Floyd F.	Schmidt, Roger	Buffalo
*Siefer, Fred E.	Jorgensen, Earl G.	Ledyard
*Plath, C. A.	Duin, Fred	Grant
*Fett, F. F.	Fett, Alfred	Lu Verne
*Fett, F. F.	Fett, Donald	Lu Verne
*Fett, F. F.	Fett, Alfred	Lu Verne
*Bolie, Weldon	Same	Portland

*Completed in 1953

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