



Our
Resources



Our
Future



Black Hawk Soil Conservation District

1982 CONTRIBUTORS

More contributors to our District Program.

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Many thanks to those above, more
next month -

ANNOUNCING A SOIL LOSS EQUATION WORKSHOP

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"FINE TUNE SOIL MANAGEMENT FOR YOUR FARM"

Wondering about soil erosion? How are
soil losses estimated? How do management
practices affect those losses?

The Black Hawk County Extension Service
and the Soil Conservation District are
offering a workshop designed to help you
estimate soil losses. The workshop will
be held at Heideman's House in Waterloo
on February 26th, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Crop Production Specialist, KAY CONNELLY,
will be offering tips on the use of the
Universal Soil Loss Equation.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss
soil erosion losses, how these losses are
determined and what influences those
losses. By estimating soil losses on your
own farm, you can decide what erosion
control methods are best for you.

Bring your calculator and Soil Survey Book.
Handout materials, a map scale and extra
Soil Surveys will be provided. Extension
and SCS personnel will be available for
help during the afternoon workshop.

We had a very encouraging turnout at last
year's workshop and are counting on a
large crowd this year. Drawing for door
prizes. Hope to see you there!

1981 ANNUAL REPORT

BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

WILLIS A. SEGEBARTH, CHAIRMAN
LARRY L. RUST, VICE-CHAIRMAN
VINCENT DELAGARDELLE
GEORGE ISLEY
GREG STRAYER
BEN CLAUSEN, ASST. COMMISSIONER

STATE EMPLOYEES

GERTRUDE BELL, DISTRICT CLERK
(to October)
VIVIAN POYNER, DISTRICT CLERK
(since December)
KEITH K. CROWLEY, ENG. AIDE

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

DAVID D. KRSNAK, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
KURTIS F. HOEFT, SOIL CONSERVATIONIST
(to May)
VANCE K. WARD, SOIL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN
(thru June)
SOIL CONSERVATIONIST
(since July)
DIANE K. RUNYAN, SOIL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN
(since May)

EXTENSION SERVICE

LARRY E. LOENSER, DIRECTOR

The BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT is a sub-division of State Government, administered by the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation. It is organized and managed by local people, who have the responsibility of protecting and improving our natural resource base. The Commissioners are attempting to do this through a cooperative effort with the many Federal, State and local agencies who have knowledge in the area of conserving our soil, water and related resources. The soil is the economic base of the State of Iowa. We hope that with this cooperation we can continue to save our soil resources through continued voluntary efforts.

AWARDS BANQUET

Our Annual Awards Banquet was held on February 12th at the Quality Inn, in Waterloo. All 1980 conservation winners were honored at this event.

In addition to the awards, JIM ZOHRER, Wildlife Biologist, for the Iowa Conservation Commission, presented highlights of successes and failures of wildlife species in Iowa. Featured in the program were good color slides of both common and rare Iowa wildlife.

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

May 24-31 was Soil Stewardship Week. The 1981 theme for this observance was "Society's Pressure Points". The District provided booklets to 100 churches in the county.

LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES

Early in 1981 legislation was passed requiring developers to have an approved erosion control site plan for areas where construction would take place.

This part of the "Iowa Soil 2000" legislation gave District Commissioners the responsibility to approve such plans.

This law was amended this past summer stating that approved plans are no longer required. In its place an affidavit stating the intent to comply with existing soil loss limits must be signed by the developer, before starting the project.

GERTRUDE BELL RETIRES

Friends and family of GERTRUDE BELL honored her at a retirement party at Conway Inn, in October. GERT retired after serving 8 years as DISTRICT CLERK.

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

MARSAU FARMS, LTD., was chosen as the Sweepstakes Winner in the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program. MARSAUS' use a combination of contouring and conservation tillage on their cropland to reduce soil losses. Over two miles of terraces help protect some of the steeper areas of the farm.



Pictured is JOHN MARSAU using a no-till planter last spring. About 130 acres of corn and 5 acres of soybeans were planted using the no-till method of farming.

Other winners in the Farmer Division were HAROLD BAUER and ROLAND RIENSCH in the Landlord-Tenant section.

The new District Cooperator winner was AGAMA-NORTH, INC.

ARLENE HAHN was selected as the District winner in the Teacher Division. The Iowa Conservation Education Council later chose her as the Regional winner, which includes an area of eleven counties in Northeast Iowa. Both awards were for Division I, which includes teachers of grades Kindergarten through 8th.

MRS. HAHN teaches fourth grade at Dunkerton Community School. Part of the conservation instruction for her students includes an outdoor conservation laboratory.

NEW FOUR TON CLUB MEMBERS

Three new Four Ton Club members for 1981 are JOHN RAYMOND MILLER, ARDIS RASMUSSEN and ROBERT W. YUSKA. Members qualify by having at least 90% of their farmland down to tolerable soil loss limits. In Black Hawk County this usually means soil losses of only 4 to 5 tons/acre/year.

Four Ton Club members have shown a great interest in soil loss rates. They have searched for the farm management and conservation practices that keep soil losses down to a minimum. If interested in joining this club, please contact our office by May 1, 1982.

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WINDBREAK AWARD

As the winter winds are blowing the NORBERT SCHMITZ family is sitting comfortably in their farm home. WHY! Because of the windbreak planted to protect their home and farm buildings. The SCHMITZ' were the 1981 winners of the Izaak Walton Windbreak Award.



The windbreak is 11 years old and consists of one row of shrubs and 2 rows of evergreens. The SCHMITZ' live four miles North of Waterloo on Highway 63. R E M E M B E R - it's never too late to plant that windbreak and beat the W I N T E R W I N D S !!!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981

1M BUDGET - Allocation \$2,100.00
Additional Alloc. 56.25
Total Allocation \$2,156.25

Commissioners' Exp. . . \$ 644.37
Ofc Supplies & Exp. . . 1,461.61
Printing 50.27 2,156.25

Balance -0-

2M BUDGET - Allocation \$20,123.00

Salaries \$15,732.96
(Clerk & Aide
Employee Benefits . . 2,382.75
Travel 36.75
Returned to State . . 1,970.54 20,123.00

Balance -0-

Contributions received in 1981 . . \$ 1,575.70

3M BUDGET (7-1-80 to 7-1-81)

Allocation \$35,000.00
Reserved for LTAs 2,024.50
\$32,975.50

10 requests approved \$32,975.50

80-81 LTAs Allocation . . . \$ 2,024.50
1 request Approved 2,024.50

Balance \$ 3,940.89

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1981
(SCS Fiscal Year 10-1-80 to 9-30-81)

NEW DISTRICT COOPERATORS 16
CONSERVATION PLANS 1583 Ac
UNITS OF GOVT ASSISTED 16
CONSERVATION TILLAGE 1138 Ac
CONTOURING 1976 Ac
WINDBREAKS 12 Ac
GRASS WATERWAYS 32 Ac
PARALLEL TERRACES 72,785 Ft
LAND ADEQUATELY PROTECTED . . . 2,123 Ac

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WATERLOO, IOWA 50702

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