

1995 Annual Financial Report

IIIM Budget	ALLOCATION
(voluntary cost-share program)	EXPENDITURE
1973-74	\$15,317.83
1974-75	11,521.44
1975-76	23,668.47
1976-77	31,282.84
1977-78	46,250.00
1978-79	43,633.00
1979-80	46,320.00
1980-81	45,000.00
1981-82	77,662.12
1982-83	54,833.72
1983-84	96,753.61
1984-85	144,251.75
1985-86	147,916.82
1986-87	122,828.44
1987-88	92,429.64
1988-89	83,564.58
1989-90	45,980.76
1990-91	49,536.29
1991-92	56,156.50
1992-93	26,577.00
1993-94	26,512.02
1994-95	21,925.00
	(\$1,985.31 available)
1995-96	23,777.00
	(\$15,248.63 available)
TOTAL	1,329,161.81
No-interest Loan (6)	48,248.05
REAP	
95 Practices 6,266.00 (2885.97 spent)	
95 Forestry 1,464.00 (683.25 spent)	
96 Practices 11,583.00 (1063.57 available)	
96 Forestry 2,693.00 (2,993.00 available)	
IM budget (office supplies & commissioner travel/training)	
Allocation	2,125.00
Office expense	857.60
Commissioner travel	1,267.40
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Farms contacted	330 No.
Individuals & groups applying practices	85 No.
Conservation plans applied	2,561 Ac.
Conservation plans written	2,816 Ac.
Contouring	614 Ac.
Terraces	11,480 Ft.
Sediment & water control basins	24 No.
Reduced erosion on cropland 210573 Tons saved on 11,653 Ac.	
Field border	25,655 Ft.
Grade stabilization structure	4 No.
Grassed waterway	87 Ac.
Conservation tillage	2,246 Ac.

Water Quality Project Pine Creek Partnership To Protect Natural Resources

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The objective of this project is to reduce sediment delivery and nutrient loading to Pine Lakes and demonstrate issues of nonpoint source pollution. Everyone will benefit as water quality improves and the lifespan of Pine Lakes is extended.

Watershed producers have been doing a great job of implementing beneficial practices. Below is a table of structural practices constructed in the watershed. Be on the look-out for new practices and management systems implemented during 1996!

STRUCTURAL PRACTICES	1992-1993	1994	1995	1996 (completed)	1996 (planned)
Grassed waterways	9,110 ft.	24,000 ft.	13,250 ft.	---	13,550 ft.
Terraces	---	7,800 ft.	1,450 ft.	3,450 ft.	4,650 ft.
Structures	2	---	2	---	4
Streambank stabiliz.	---	---	---	---	1,000 ft.
Repaired Waterways	---	1,600 ft.	2,300 ft.	---	---
Repaired Terraces	---	6,400 ft.	---	---	---

Besides structural practices, agronomic management changes are being made with the assistance of the Water Quality Incentive Program (WQIP). 1995 was the second year for most producers enrolled in Integrated Crop Management (ICM)/Nutrient and Pest Management. Approximately 3,616 acres were enrolled in nutrient and pest management and record keeping, which has assisted producers with their management decisions.

This will not only help reduce nonpoint source pollution by reducing soil erosion and excess nutrients, but also can save producers time and money. Another main objective of WQIP is to increase the use of no-till cropping systems. More than 2,300 watershed acres were no-tilled in 1995!

The structural practices, nutrient and pest management, and other practices such as no-till, contour farming, critical area seeding, and livestock exclusion have helped the watershed closer to its goal of nutrient and sediment reductions.

WHAT'S NEW IN 1996:

Besides the BIG blizzard on January 26, a watershed producer meeting was held at the Steamboat Rock Boat Club. This meeting announced the project accomplishments for 1995, and opportunities and challenges for 1996. Another meeting "Precision Decisions" was held for all producers in the county on February 8th. Topics at the meeting included Integrated Crop Management (ICM) and Precision Farming techniques to maximize management and profit. Guest speakers included producer John Miller from Cedar Falls, and Crop Tech Services from Cedar Rapids.

Conservation Agencies

Name Changes For Several Government Groups

Are you confused about conservation agencies? The following is a listing of the various local, state and federal agencies.

LOCAL

Hardin County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Each county in Iowa has a SWCD, which follow county boundaries with exception of Pottawattamie County which is organized into two districts. Local landowners organized into districts in the 1940's. Each district is governed by five commissioners who are elected at the general election and serve without pay. Once organized, districts are eligible to receive assistance from various state and federal agencies. Office staff in the district office may be funded by federal, state, county or private sources. Hardin County



Hardin Soil & Water Commissioners

John Gilbert of Iowa Falls (second from right) serves as chairman and Mark Balvanz of Eldora (right) as vice chairman of the Hardin County Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners. Other commissioners are, from left: Mark Seward of New Providence, Carroll Hobson of Eldora and James Martin of Hubbard.

commissioners meet monthly on the third Monday.

Hardin County Conservation Board (CCC)

County conservation boards are established at the discretion of each county by authority of state law. A conservation board of five members is appointed by the board of supervisors to oversee its programs within the county. County conservation boards are authorized to levy property taxes for the acquisition, development and management of county parks, museums, wildlife and natural areas. In Hardin County, this would include Calkins Campus, Mann's Wilderness, Reece Park, The Headquarters, Daisy Long, Eagle City.

STATE

Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

The IDNR is the state agency that pro-

vides parks, lakes, recreation areas, wildlife areas, natural preserves and associated facilities and service. Programs of the agency include the research and management of fish, wildlife, forest resources, lakes and streams. The IDNR also regulates hunting, fishing, boating, and other outdoor recreation activities. In Hardin County, we have Pine Lake State Park.

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Division of Soil Conservation (IDALS-DSC)

The IDALS Division of Soil Conservation is a state agency that assists soil and water conservation districts with local program implementation. It provides cost/share funds, helps with office expenses, as well as funding technical and secretarial employees. The state Soil Conservation Committee is the policy making body of the Division and is made up of people appointed by the governor.

FEDERAL

United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

Formerly known as SCS, the newly renamed NRCS is a federal agency that also assists soil and water conservation districts. It helps landowners and operators plan and apply soil and water conservation practices to the land. The NRCS has responsibility for developing soil surveys, monitoring soil and water resources, and organizing watershed and flood prevention programs. Some employees in district offices are federally funded and the vehicles used by office personnel are provided by NRCS.

United States Department of Agriculture - Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA)

Formerly known as ASCS, the newly renamed FSA is a federal agency that administers programs dealing with commodity loans and price support, crop disaster, rural clean water and production adjustment. The FSA also has federal cost/share funding for work through its

One Call

IOWA ONE-CALL LAW

All construction and excavations are covered by a "one-call law". Some of the law's features are as follows:

- * Utilities are required to belong to the one-call system.
- * The contractor or person excavating is responsible for notifying the one-call center.
- * The one-call center must be notified at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of excavation, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.
- * A call must be made for every project to the center.
- * The toll free telephone number to the one-call center is 1-800-292-8989.
- * Information must be provided to the one-call center including:
 - The name of the person providing notice.
 - The precise location of the proposed area of excavation, including the township, range, section, and quarter section, if known.
 - The name and address of the excavator.
 - The excavator's telephone number.
 - The type and extent of the proposed excavation.

agriculture conservation program, forestry incentives, emergency conservation and special projects. The FSA is guided by a local farmer-elected, three member county committee.

Farm Service Agency - Ag Credit
Formerly known as FmHA, the FmHA ag credit side was combined with the old FCS to form FSA. The programs administered include farm ownership loans, operating loans, youth project loans, disaster emergency loans and Indian tribal loans.

United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD)

RECD provides loans in rural communities to finance existing homes and new construction. Eligible rural communities have population of 20,000 or less and are rural in character and not closely associated with urban areas.

Conversion Cycle

* In first-year CRP take-out, a fall burndown application of Roundup Ultra is recommended. Soybeans should be planted first, followed by corn in a second-year rotation. Roundup Ready soybeans are an excellent option — allowing total postemergence weed control in-crop.

Prior to Contract Expiration

- Identify acres for crop production possibility
- Evaluate weeds and control noxious problems
- Evaluate residue cover and manage if heavy
- Evaluate field conditions and level spots if necessary

Warm-Season Grasses/No-Till

- Mow grasses in April
- Allow 8-12 inches regrowth

Apply 2 qts/A Roundup Ultra

- July to August
- May need spring replant application

Cool-Season Grass Fall Burndown

- Mow grasses early to early August
- Allow 8-12 inches regrowth
- Apply 1.5-2 qts/A Roundup Ultra September to late October
- In the spring, evaluate kill for a replant application

Winter

- Let root mass decompose

Cool-Season Grass Spring Burndown

- Delay as long as possible (late April)
- Allow 8-12 inches regrowth
- Apply 3 qts/A Roundup Ultra
- Wait 4 days for desiccation before planting

Cool-Season Grass Aid-to-Tillage

- Delay as long as possible
- Allow 8-12 inches regrowth
- Apply 1-2 qts/A Roundup Ultra
- Wait 7-10 days before tillage



In-Season Weed Control

- In soybeans, use a pre/post program or a total post program with Roundup Ultra on Roundup Ready soybeans
- In corn, use a sound residual program followed by postemergence if needed

Agencies To Locate In Iowa Falls

During the last week in May, the SWCD, NRCS, FSA and RECD will be moving!! What a project! Several years of planning will happen and these agencies will be colocated in a new building currently under construction in Iowa Falls at 840 Brooks Road. Iowa State University Extension Service will be joining us in the fall. We look forward to providing efficient timely service.

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