

Newell is soil winner

Has top entry in awards program

Floyd Newell of route 9, Bloomfield, has been named the winner in the annual achievement awards program sponsored by the Davis County Soil Conservation District. Newell, who farms 298 acres north of Bloomfield in Soap Creek Township, was named the winner of Division I, for owner, operators, or conservation teachers. No entries were judged in the divisions for landlord tenants, new cooperators, or conservation teachers. Newell's entry will be judged in the regional contest which is sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune. Regional winners will then advance into the state competition. In his 10 years as a cooperator with the Soil Conservation District, Newell has placed 6.8 acres of grassed waterways in his conservation program. Also, he has constructed 3.9 miles of terraces, a mile of diversions, along with three farm ponds. Newell has also renovated some 70 acres of pasture. Of the 298 acres he farms, Newell has about 169 acres in

cropland. Of this, 110 acres are planted on the contour. Newell's farming operation is a basic beef cattle and hog operation. He presently maintains a herd of 50 beef cows, 100 feeder calves, and raises about 40 litters of hogs a year. Newell has served two years as an assistant Soil Conservation District commissioner, and two years as district treasurer. He has also served as a township committeeman on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committee (ASCS). Newell's wife has accumulated eight years of volunteer service as a 4-H club leader. The Newell's two daughters were both named Queen of Conservation in the district, with Linda later being named runner-up in the state competition. A plaque honoring Newell as the local Division I winner will be presented at the annual Davis County Soil Conservation District cooperator's meeting this fall. The award will be presented by the Bloomfield Newspapers.

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The look of a winner

Floyd Newell pauses to view several of the conservation practices on his farm north of Bloomfield. Shown are one of three ponds, along with contour-planted corn in the background.

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