

SOIL SAVERS MOVE HEAP OF DIRT

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Davis county farmers moved over 600,000 cubic yards of earth during 1960 in constructing permanent type soil and water conservation practices.

The figure was reported this week by Verle Arnold, work unit conservationist with the local Soil Conservation Service.

The total amount of dirt moved would fill a hole 50 feet square and 240 feet deep, according to computations at the Boomfield Newspaper office.

The amount of work completed "was commendable," Arnold said, "in considering the late, wet spring."

Approximately 100,000 cubic yards was moved in the construction of the following practices — terraces, farm ponds, open drainage ditches and grass waterways. The balance of the yardage moved was in constructing diversions, erosion control structures and land grading.

During the year farmers in the Davis district built 48 miles of terraces, 16 miles of diversion terraces, 118 acres of grass waterways, 23 miles of open drainage ditches, 19 erosion control structures, 50 farm ponds and 40 acres of land grading for drainage.