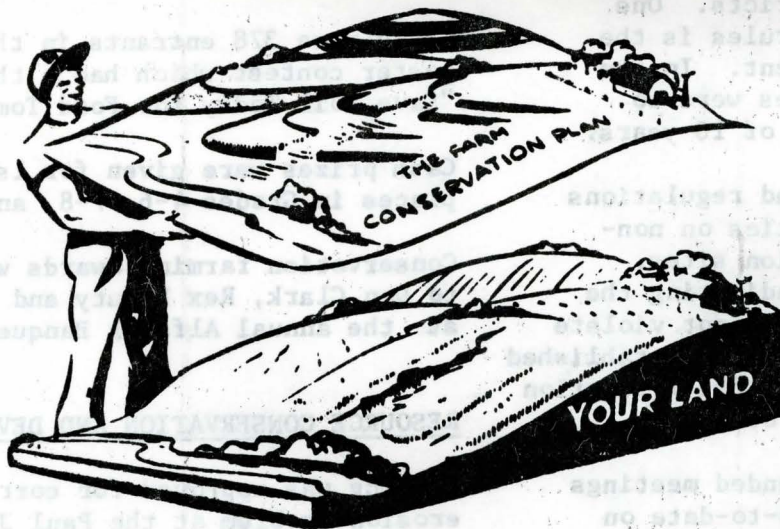


APPANOOSE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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We, the District Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners of the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District, present to you this annual report of progress concerning conservation activities and accomplishments of the Soil District for the past year.

Loren Eddy, Chairman
 Ron Turk, Vice-Chairman
 Leon Kauzlarich, Secretary
 Roger Wells
 Kenneth Brown
 Ronald McDanel, Assistant
 William Vinzant, Assistant
 Nick Carter, Assistant

MEETINGS

Ron Turk and Nick Carter organized a very successful conservation tillage meeting which was held at the J&K Barn in February. Dean McCunn, of Red Oak, spoke to the group and presented slides of his farming operation. Local cooperators presented panel discussions on conservation tillage and use of the interseeder. Al Siem, Extension Service presented information on insect and weed control. Local implement dealers had equipment on hand for inspection.

Lawrence Vance, Director of the Department of Soil Conservation and Clifford Stille, State Soil Conservation Committee, attended the April meeting of the Appanoose SCD Commissioners. Mr. Vance spoke on the new rules and regulations for the Iowa Financial Incentive Program for Soil Erosion Control, and Mr. Stille discussed conservancy districts. One important item in the new rules is the 20-year maintenance agreement. In the past, conservation practices were to be maintained for a period of 10 years.

There are also new rules and regulations for land disturbing activities on non-agricultural and construction sites. Affidavits will be filed indicating the land disturbing activity will not violate the soil conservation district's established soil loss limits. Copies of the regulation may be obtained at the SCD office.

The Soil Commissioners attended meetings through the year to stay up-to-date on the various changes in procedure.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

The SCD Commissioners and office staff did much clean up work at the Outdoor Conservation Classroom at Rathbun Lake. They also planted 400 red and white pine trees.

The District provided funds for scholarships to Camp Co-Ho near Ottumwa. It is an environmental education camp for teachers, students, conservation people and soil district representatives. Doyle Hampton attended as an Appanoose County representative and was enthusiastic about the value of the Camp. Hopefully, there will be more interest generated in the County.

Four scholarships were awarded to area students for college age-related study: Kent R. Appler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce Appler; Brad Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Daniels, James Sutter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sutter, and Rex Ritter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritter.

TOURS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The ASCS County Committee and the Soil District Commissioners jointly sponsored two no-till tours. On the first tour, stops were made at Bill Vinzant's, Marbin Sebolt's, Bill Brown's, Clive Wells' and Roger Wells'. The second tour included stops at Bill Vanderlinden's, James Lowe's, Ron Turk's and Harold Smith's.

These tours were made in July with follow-up tours in September. Anyone interested in trying no-till in the future can get helpful information at the local SCD office.

AWARDS

Mark McGill won the Appanoose County portion of the state conservation speech contest and represented the district at the regional in Ottumwa.

There were 378 entrants in the District poster contest which had a theme of "Save Soil Today for Food Tomorrow."

Cash prizes were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in Grades 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12.

Conservation farming awards were presented to Don Clark, Rex Deputy and Bill French at the annual Alfalfa Banquet.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Funding was approved for correction of an erosion problem at the Paul Johnson Athletic Field. Items of improvement include filling and reshaping waterways, constructing a grade stabilization structure to provide an outlet for grassed waterway and tile, grading and reshaping areas that are bare of vegetation, seeding or sodding critical areas and constructing a tile-outlet diversion to protect the bank on the south and west.

1,700 Giant Canada Geese were brought into the 4-county area and placed at the Colyn and Rolling Cove areas, and some on individual farm ponds.



(October 1, 1980 - September 30, 1981)

(July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981)

			<u>1-M ACCOUNT</u>	
Cons. District Cooperators	13 No.	4,770 Ac.	Total allocation.	\$1,060.45
Cons. District Cooperators	10 No.	3,805 Ac.	Disbursements	
Cancelled			Commissioners Expenses	472.42
			Office Supplies & Expense	588.03
			Printing	-----
Individuals and Groups	315 No.		Total Disbursements.	\$1,060.45
Assisted				
			<u>2-M ACCOUNT</u>	
Tech. Services Land Unit	935 No.		Total allocation.	\$28,253.00
Planning & Application			Disbursements	
Individuals and Groups	178 No.		Salaries	22,873.60
Applying Practices			Travel	7.56
Conservation Plans		3,377 Ac.	State Retirement	1,315.36
			Social Security	1,437.23
Cons. Plans Cancelled		3,266 Ac.	Health Insurance	1,170.40
			Life Insurance	121.00
Cons. Plans Revised		284 Ac.	State Equipment	-----
			Disability	141.72
Technical Services for	11 No.		Total Disbursements.	\$27,066.87
Area Planning			Released to State Committee. . .	\$ 1,186.13
Governmental Agencies	2 No.		<u>3-M ACCOUNT</u>	
Assisted			(State Cost-Sharing Funds)	
Cropland Benefited by		6,537 Ac.	Fiscal Year 80-81 Allocation	\$45,000.00
App. Cons. Practices			Amount unobligated - available for	
Pasture and Hayland		2,110 Ac.	cost-sharing as of 11/20/81	685.00
Benefited by App.			Fiscal Year 81-82 Allocation	\$76,440.00
Cons. Practice			Amount unobligated - available for	
Wildlife Benefited by App.		24 Ac.	cost-sharing as of 11/20/81	1,735.27
Cons. Practice				
Other Land Benefited by		3 Ac.		
App. Cons. Practice				
Contour Farming		1,123 Ac.		
Pond	3 No.		<u>U.S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE</u>	
Farmstead and Feedlot	7 No.		Joe R. Baughman	
Windbreak			District Conservationist	
Grade Stabilization Struc.	10 No.		Robert D. McNeal	
Grassed Waterway		6 Ac.	Soil Conservation Technician	
Cons. Tillage System		5,852 Ac.	<u>STATE EMPLOYEES</u>	
Water & Sediment	-	-	Marilyn L. Worley	
Control Basin			District Clerk	
Terraces		60,310 Ft.	Ivan L. Wright	
Wildlife Upland		24 Ac.	Engineering Aide	
Habitat				