

Name Kelsey Outstanding Commissioner

Dean Kelsey, who farms southeast of Iowa Falls, has been named outstanding district soil commissioner for Region Three in the 1965 Outstanding Commissioner Contest of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

Kelsey, who has been a commissioner in the Hardin Soil Conservation District since 1955, will compete in the state contest as the Region Three representative. Region Three includes 12 North Central counties.

He has played an active part in the District's program over the past 10 years, serving as Regional Director for four years and as secretary of the State Association for two of those years.

He owns and operates a 240 acre farm where one of the first District cooperator conservation plans was established by his father, C. J. Kelsey. Some of the earliest terraces constructed in the District were on the Kelsey farm.

One of his most recent achievements in the Hardin District is the development of the Pine Lake Watershed, aimed at controlling erosion through group action. The watershed board has been elected and their program is developing rapidly.

In the future, Kelsey plans a multi-purpose structure on his farm to control an active gully flooding and to serve as a public recreation area. There are about 300 acres draining into the proposed site.