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Feb. 1 deadline for soil signup

The passage of the Food Security Act of 1985 has impacted area farmers to use more conservation practices in their operations. A majority of the farmers chose to use systems like no-till planting, contour farming, and contour strip-cropping. The Louisa County Soil and Water District approved the cost-sharing for these practices for first-time users. The cost-share works as follows.

The commissioners will allo-

cate 30 percent of their cost-share budget for these practices. The following payments will be allowed. For no-till planting, the commissioners will pay \$10 per acre up to 40 acres. For contouring, they will pay \$6 per acre up to 80 acres. For contour strip-cropping, they will pay \$15 per acre up to 80 acres.

The practice must be maintained for a five-year period. The contour lines will be laid out and field borders marked by the Louisa Soil Conservation

Service. Remember that this is for first-time users only. If you have used no-till in the past or are presently contouring, you will not qualify. The land must be farmed with a row crop, corn or soybeans. The deadline for signup is Feb. 1.

If you are interested and qualified in these programs, contact the Louisa County Soil Conservation Service by stopping by the office at 514 Isett, Wapello, and see Todd Meyer, Louisa county soil conservationist.