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Rudy Krehbiel wins Certificate of Merit

DONNELLSON — In 1971 Rudy Krehbiel was selected as conservation farmer. He was recently presented the Good-year Certificate of Merit.

For the past 14 years the Lee County Soil Conservation District has participated in the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company Soil Conservation Award Program.

Krehbiel became a district cooperator in March 1958. In September 1958 a basic conservation plan was completed and it was numbered 600.

He lives on a 120 acre farm in Harrison township. There is 83 acres of cropland. A rotation of corn-beans and wheat is used on the level fields and the sloping fields are seeded to alfalfa meadow mixture. The predominate soil type on the crop-

land is Grundy, Haig and Pershing silt loam. The slopes vary from 1 to 7 per cent on the sloping areas of the fields, fences have been removed and fields are laid out on the contour. This allowed two fields to be 1800 feet in length. Altogether about 50 acres is farmed on the contour.

A farm pond was built in 1957 and a short diversion constructed to allow additional drainage into the pond. The Soil Conservation District assisted in

stocking it with fish in 1958. This pond is used for livestock water and fire protection as it is located next to the farmstead.

Krehbiel farms his place near Primrose and also the Curt Krehbiel farm, and the Perrin Rotter farm across the road from his home.

With contouring, waterways and good meadows a minimum amount of soil moves off this farm to contribute to downstream sediment problem.