

11 Miles Terracing Constructed in '58

Percentage Up In Hardin County Over Last Year

Terracing in Hardin county during 1958 showed the largest percentage increase of all the major conservation practices installed, according to Cal Moore of the Soil Conservation Service, Eldora. Nearly 11 miles of terraces were built during the year as compared to 6 miles constructed in 1957.

Six miles of the terraces constructed were parallel. Parallel terracing eliminates short point rows between the terraces and allows more convenience in farming operations. Terraces are now built lower and broader to handle 4-row equipment, Moore also stated.

All terraces constructed are designed to catch runoff water and give it a chance to soak into the soil. As a result soil losses are reduced to a minimum. Any excess water moves slowly along the terraces to grassed waterways.

The Eldora FFA Chapter installed 900 feet of terraces with tractors and plows on the area north of the Eldora greenhouse. Mrs. Florence McEvoy, Eldora had 4500 feet constructed on the farm operated by Dale Schwarck and 13,600 feet constructed parallel on the farm operated by Glen Taylor. The terraces were built by Shore Construction, Eldora with a belt type terracer and bull dozer.

A total of 16,300 feet of parallel terraces were installed on the Mike and Bob Finger farm, Steamboat Rock and 7,400 feet on the Joe Beach farm, Eldora with a road patrol operated by Triple-R Construction of Wellsburg.

K. E. Reisinger, Eldora constructed 6,900 feet of terraces using both a whirlwind terracer and with a road patrol owned by Vinton Construction, Eldora.

Cecil Rooks installed 2,600 feet of parallel terraces east of Eldora. Butler farms completed 3,000 feet on the farm operated by Harold Mersman, north of New Providence and Howard Frey changed 600 feet of conventional terraces to a parallel system on the farm operated by Lee Bavender east of Eldora. The terraces were constructed by the Shore Construction Co., Eldora.