

Announce Regional Soil Conservation Award Winners

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OWNERS and operators of farms in 22 Iowa counties have been selected as regional winners in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards program sponsored by The Register and Tribune and Iowa Farm and Home Register.

Frank Mendell, state conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and general chairman of the awards program, announced the names of the winners and location of the farms Saturday.

One winner in each of the nine regions will be selected for additional honors and a sweepstakes award. These winners will be honored at recognition banquets in their home conservation districts.

These newspapers launched the awards program 12 years ago, in co-operation with federal and state agencies and organizations serving farmers, to encourage soil and water conservation and better land use.

Division 1 is for owner operators or family-operated farms; Division 2 for land-

lords and tenants; and Division 3 for new district co-operators starting conservation programs since Jan. 1, 1962.

In the 12 years of the program, owners and operators of more than 2,500 farms have been honored for outstanding achievement in adopting and maintaining conservation practices on their land.

Winners are first selected in the home county soil conservation districts, and these winners compete for regional honors in 10 to 12 county areas.

Agricultural leaders with the soil conservation service, Iowa State University, state soil conservation committee, or Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, assist with judging.

The following are 1964 regional winners:

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