

Kossuth County Soil Conservation District

1975 ANNUAL REPORT

ALGONA, IOWA 50511

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Survey - 54% Completed

Nearly 339,000 acres of Kossuth farm land have been mapped under the Standard Soil Survey now in its fourth year. This figure represents 54% of the total land in the county. The area completed is indicated by the shaded portion on the map.

TERRACES BUILT

Records for the 1975 calendar year show that over 35,700 feet of parallel terraces were constructed in the District.

Cooperators who have built terraces this year are:

Vincent Becker	Alfred Bormann
Duane Lieb	Theodore Wallentine
James F. Antoine	Emily Beutler
Keith Klinksiek	Kyle Keith
Gerald Garman	Don Wertjes
Harold Frideres	Victor Struecker
Wendell Weiland	Reuben Holcomb
Luther Kinne	Franklin Rusch

FOR SALE TREES AND SHRUBS

Again this year, evergreens, deciduous trees, and shrubs will be made available to the rural and urban public by the Kossuth Co. Soil Conservation District. If you are interested in a field windbreak, wildlife planting, or farmstead windbreak, stop in to the District Office or see one of your District Commissioners.

FOR MORE INFORMATION concerning a price list and the stock that is available, contact our office.

TELEPHONE 295-5156

Advance copies of the survey and technical assistance are available at no cost to landowners and operators who indicate their concern for conservation by becoming district cooperators. SCS personnel will discuss the soils map with you to show you how it can be used as a tool in developing a conservation plan for your farm.

Anyone interested in obtaining an advance copy of the survey for your farm should stop into the District Office located in the USDA Building in Algona.

EAGLE	GRANT	SPRING FIELD	HEBRON
SWEA	HARRISON	LEDYARD	LINCOLN
SENECA	GREENWOOD	RAMSEY	GERMAN
FENTON	BURT	PORTLAND	BUFFALO
LOTTS CREEK	UNION	PLUM CREEK	WESLEY
WHITTE-MORE	CRESCO	IRVING-TON	PRAIRIE
GARFIELD	RIVER-DALE	SHERMAN	LUVERNE

-- DISTRICT ACTIVITIES --

JANUARY

Claude Seely was re-elected chairman of the District. State Committee member Jerry Norland attended the commissioners meeting and reported on the drainage problems in North Central Iowa. Ken Kassel, vice-president of the Ia. Association, reported to the commissioners on the association's activities.

Commissioners Christensen and Brones and District Conservationist Riedinger attended the annual short course at Ames.

The commissioners accepted a request to do an inventory & evaluation of soil suitability for recreation for Wesley.

FEBRUARY

Commissioner Antoine and family and Youth Board members David Inman and David Gerber attended the National Association Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Regional Director Elmer Brandt, Clarion met with the commissioners to report on the concern for drainage in northern Iowa.

Commissioner Seely presented a state cost-share check to Keith Klinksiek for the terraces he completed as part of a long-term agreement.

MARCH

District elections were held March 4 to fill 3 expired terms; Seely, Antoine, and Kinne were elected to serve six-year terms.

APRIL

Rodney Jensen and Lynn Bierstedt, former SCS employees, were named assistant commissioners.

Speech contest winners were Sandy Dudding, Dave Inman, and Don Tigges.

A tree was made available to every third-grader in the District.

MAY

County Extension Director John Ley met with the commissioners and discussed pesticide and poison problems.

Soil Stewardship Sunday was observed; programs and pamphlets were supplied to ministers upon request.

JUNE

A summer barbeque was held at the Claude Seely Ranch for commissioners, staff, and youth board members.

Outdoor classroom packets of trees & shrubs were furnished to Algona and Garrigan High Schools.

JULY

Youth Board officers were elected for the coming year: David Gerber (West Bend) president; Lyle Risius (Buffalo Center) vice-pres.; Mary Beth Bormann (Garrigan) sec.; Sandy Dudding (Buffalo Center) reporter; and, David Inman (Bancroft) treas.

Commissioners Seely, Kinne, & Antoine attended the Regional Meeting in Spencer.

AUGUST

Youth Board members headed by Mary Bormann conducted the booth at the County Fair.

SEPTEMBER

The District's annual work plan was developed.

Commissioners Brones, Christensen, and Antoine and District Conservationist Riedinger attended the Annual Conference in Des Moines.

The commissioners accepted a request from the City of Algona for developing inventories and evaluations for various land uses around the city.

David Gerber, West Bend, was named conservation youth-of-the-month.

OCTOBER

West Bend FFA won first and second place in the soil judging contest held on Commissioner Antoine's farm.

A request was accepted from the Town of Titonka for inventories & evaluations for recreation purposes.

A letter of appreciation for assistance given to the district by Radio KLGA was sent to the FCA.

Mary Bormann, Garrigan, was named conservation youth-of-the-month.

The Youth Board toured the Algona H.S. Outdoor Classroom and taped a 15-minute radio program.

NOVEMBER

A cost-share check was presented to Theodore Wallentine for terraces constructed on his farm near Ledyard.

The district received an additional allocation of \$10,000 in cost-share funds.

David Inman, Bancroft, was named conservation youth-of-the-month.

DECEMBER

The annual appreciation dinner-meeting was held at the Seely Snowmobile Club House.

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1975

District Cooperators	75
Those receiving assistance	271
Total services/single units	852
Recipients Applying Practices	227
Conservation Plans Prepared	58
Conservation Plans Revised	4
Inventories and Evaluations	41
Units of Gov't Assisted	6
Conservation Plans - LTA's	2
Group Conservation Plans	4
Group Inv. and Eval.	4
Groups Assisted	14
Contour Farming	346 Ac.
Crop Residue Management	3,547 Ac.
Disposal Lagoons	2
Diversions	2,325 Ft.
Ponds	1
Farmstead Windbreaks	33 Ac.
Grade Stabilization Structures	3
Grassed Waterways	11 Ac.
Minimum Tillage	3,693 Ac.
Pasture/Hayland Management	305 Ac.
Pasture/Hayland Planting	261 Ac.
Drainage Field Ditch	3,900 Ft.
Parallel Terraces	34,313 Ft.
Tile Drainage	197,278 Ft.
Land Adequately Treated	4,826 Ac.

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The District Commissioners wish to express their appreciation to the USDA Soil Conservation Service personnel for their technical assistance, to the Department of Soil Conservation for advice and guidance, to the ASCS staff for co-operation, to the Extension Service for providing conservation education and participation. We want to thank the press & radio, and all other groups, organizations, business men, and individuals who have supported the District programs and activities. Also, a thank-you to the people who have contributed to the production cost of this report.

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SCHOOLS ARE COOPERATORS

Algona Community School District and Garrigan High School are both cooperators with the Kossuth Soil Conservation District. They are establishing outdoor classrooms and are cooperating in testing for best varieties of seedling trees from the SCS Nursery.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975

1-M ACCOUNT

Initial allocation	\$1300.00
Additional allocation	500.00
Total allocation.....	\$1800.00
Disbursements:	
Commissioners Expenses	756.64
Office Supplies	449.96
Printing	39.70
Prizes for Contests	29.70
Meeting Hall Rental	33.00
Office Expenses	470.65
Released to State	
Committee	20.35
Total disbursements.....	\$1800.00

2-M ACCOUNT

Initial allocation	\$17,145.00
Additional allocation	342.43
Total allocation.....	\$17,487.43
Disbursements:	
Salaries	14,746.07
Travel	24.41
State Retirement	516.11
Social Security	862.65
Health Insurance	426.00
Life Insurance	72.00
State Equipment	399.93
Released to State	
Committee	440.26
Total disbursements.....	\$17,487.43

3-M ACCOUNT

1974-75 allocation	\$10,100.00
Additional allocation	4,200.00
Total allocation.....	\$14,300.00
Funds Paid Out.....	-14,258.34
Terraces	\$13,098.26
Permanent Seed-	
ing	459.66
Grade Stabliza-	
tion Structure	700.42
Funds Obligated, practices	
not completed.....	- 3.15
Balance of unobligated funds..	\$ 38.51

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CITY DWELLERS ASSISTED

Quick answers to conservation problems are provided to city dwellers and non-cooperating farmers.

"What kind of trees to plant? How to stop a gully?" are some of the questions asked.

If several contacts are needed, the individual is asked to join the district as a cooperator.

PERSONNEL DIRECTORY

District Governing Body:

Claude Seely	Chairman
Wendell Christensen	Vice-Chairman
James F. Antoine	Commissioner
Kenneth Brones	Commissioner
Luther Kinne	Commissioner
John Reding	Ass't Commissioner
David Strickler	Ass't Commissioner
Kevin Montag	Ass't Commissioner
Neil Wubben	Ass't Commissioner
Rodney Jensen	Ass't Commissioner
Lynn Bierstedt	Ass't Commissioner
John Ley	Secretary

Dept of Soil Conservation:

Carolyn Marshall	State Clerk
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Soil Conservation Service:

Lyle Riedinger	District Conservationist
Loren Bishop	Conservation Technician
Robert Jones	Soil Survey, Party Leader
Michael Wiemann	Soil Scientist

Iowa State University:

Richard Lensch	Soil Scientist
Daniel Muhs	Soil Scientist

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ANTOINE NAMED OUTSTANDING COMMISSIONER

James F. Antoine, Bancroft, was named the 1975 Outstanding Soil Conservation District Commissioner in Kossuth County. Antoine has served as a commissioner for four years and in March was re-elected to a six-year term. He is currently the commissioner advisor to the Kossuth Conservation Youth Board and a member of the State Association's Publicity Committee.

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ADVERTISING DIRECTORY

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Excavating Contractors:

Lee Grading.....	Lone Rock
Reding Gravel & Excavating.....	Algona

Tile Contractors & Companies:

Richard Trunkhill.....	Titonka
Bill Manske & Sons.....	Algona
The Levine Co., Inc.....	Des Moines
Midwest Culvert Op.....	Des Moines

Banks:

Titonka Savings Bank.....	Titonka
Swea City State Bank.....	Swea City
Exchange State Bank.....	Wesley
Farmers & Traders Savings Bank..	Bancroft
Lone Rock Bank.....	Lone Rock

Agriculture-Related Businesses:

Pioneer Hi-Bred.....	Algona
Kossuth Mutual Insurance.....	Algona
Steier Ag. Aviation.....	Whittemore
Fenton Co-Op Elevator.....	Fenton

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L. I. GISCH HONORED

L. I. Gisch, Jr., of rural Algona is the 1975 district winner in the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program. Gisch, a district cooperator since 1960, won the honor in recognition of the work he has done to accomplish soil and water conservation on his 210-acre farm in Riverdale Township. More than 5200 feet of terraces and 7400 feet of tile have been installed; and, a farm pond was built in 1975. Contour farming and pasture/hayland management are also a part of his conservation plan.

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