

Farmers get awards Wed.

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Several Davis County farmers were presented awards Wednesday night at the annual meeting of the Davis County Soil Conservation District.

More than 120 persons attended the banquet at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church as seven local farmers were honored for conservation efforts and several Bloomfield Future Farmers of America members were honored for efforts in a soil judging contest.

Special certificates were presented to four farmers and Iowa Soil Conservation Awards pro-

gram honors were presented to three others.

Presented special certificates were Stanley Robinson, Dewey and Bill Grim and Tim Hooper. The Iowa Awards were presented to Elmer Weillbrenner, owner-operator, and Lee Barnett, owner, and Roscoe Brown, operator.

Robinson farms 160 acres and contours 90 acres. He has 6,600 feet of terraces, five acres of grass waterways, 45 acres of renovated pasture and has controlled brush on 45 acres.

The Grims farm 525 acres in Roscoe Township. They contour

165 acres, control brush on 40 acres, have 1000 feet of field drainage, four acres of grass waterways, 70 acres of pasture has been renovated, there are three farm ponds and 13,730 feet of graded terraces.

Hooper works with his father, Harry, and also rents land from Michael Maduff and Joan Steinway. It totals 1,230 acres. On the home farm there is 247 acres on which they contour 90 acres, have 400 feet of diversion terraces, have renovated 33 acres of pasture, three acres of grass waterways, three farm

ponds and 600 feet of graded terraces.

Weillbrenner owns 175 acres and rents an additional 195 acres located in Grove Township. He has a beef cattle and hog operation with 55 beef cows and markets about 300 hogs per year.

He has been active in watershed and soils district programs, a 4-H leader, CROP, ASCS,

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church and other community activities.

All row crops on the upland are farmed on the contour. He has shaped 9.3 acres of waterways, 3.4 miles of terraces, 4 of a mile of diversion, two farm ponds, and 65 acres of pasture has been renovated. One of the Big Wyacondah Watershed structures is on his farm.

Barnett and Brown were not only local winners, but also Region 9 winners in their division. They have a 336 acre farm in Fabius Township.

It is a general livestock operation with 50 beef cows, 100 ewes and they farrow about 30 litters of pigs per year.

Row crops on the upland are farmed on the contour and there are four acres of shaped waterways. Other practices include one mile of diversion, one mile of terraces, constructed two farm and four erosion control structures, and 700 feet of drainage ditches.

They have 225 acres in permanent vegetation and have converted 40 acres of former cropland to grassland.

The first three teams and the top individuals in the soil judging contest for local FFA members were honored. The contest was held earlier this fall with 67 boys entered.

The first place team, composed of Steve Brown, Mike Garmon and Gary Utt, had a score of 533.5. The second place team was composed of Delwin Tarbell, Bill Spilman and Dan Townsend. It had a score of 526 points. Third place went to the team of Richard Roulet, Dean Hougland, and

John Sampson with a score of 522.5.

The top individual was Mike Humphrey with 204.5 points. Second place went to Steve Brown, 193.5 points; and David Bolin was third with 181 points.

Dan Murphy, Des Moines public relations and advertising consultant for farm groups and organizations, was the main speaker.

He urged those persons interested in conservation to get together to plan what should be done and then work together to get accomplished what is right.

He said conservation is as much needed by the man in Chicago as it is by the man in Davis County. He urged those conservation-minded people to sell conservation to everyone.

Murphy, a columnist for the Farm Bureau Spokesman, said in the future there will have to be some planning to determine whether the best land should be saved for farming and the worst land used for new construction. He indicated that much good land is now going into various types of new construction.