

Kossuth County Soil Conservation District

1973 ANNUAL REPORT

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COST-SHARE FUNDS AID IN TERRACE CONSTRUCTION

State Cost-Sharing Program

Six Kossuth Co. farmers received allocations of cost-sharing funds for terrace construction under the provisions of the newly-funded state cost-share program dealing with permanent erosion control practices; the total amount of funds appropriated to Kossuth County for the 1974 fiscal year was \$10,100. Recipients of this allocation are: Kyle Keith, Algona; Roger Jensen, Lone Rock; Earl Angle, Burt; Alfred Borman, Bancroft; Charles Dearchs, Algona; and, Russell Jensen, Lone Rock.

This fund is administered by the District Commissioners and provides for payment of 50% of the estimated cost of the project. The money is allotted to the landowner on a needs basis.

REAP Cost-Share Program

Seven farmers completed 32,308 feet of terraces with the assistance of 1972 REAP funds, a federally-funded program. These practices had been approved and started in the 1972 fiscal year; but, due to unfavorable weather conditions, they were not completed until 1973.

Farmers constructing terraces under this program were: Merwyn Hurlburt, Lone Rock; Kenneth Brones, Swea City; Phil Bernhard, Bancroft; Theodore Walentine, Lakota; Gerald Voigt, Fenton; Tony Hansen, Whittemore; and, Marvin Tigges, Burt.

TREES and SHRUBS

Again this year, potted evergreens, deciduous trees, and shrubs will be made available by the Kossuth County Soil Conservation District. Trees are valuable to your farmstead and effective in wind erosion control. Trees produce oxygen, absorb noises, create beauty, provide shade, and are beneficial for wildlife habitat.

Order your trees and shrubs at the District Office on North Main Street in Algona.

OUR PRICE LIST

HONEYSUCKLE {12-18"}..... \$.56 each
{18-24"}..... \$.68 each

POTTED EVERGREENS in 1-gal containers,
12-18"..... Available stock: Black Hills
Spruce, Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine,
Red Cedar, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

In quantities of 1-10.....\$3.50 ea.
11-19.....\$3.00 ea.
20-more...\$2.50 ea.

DECIDUOUS TREES

Silver Maple.... 2/3'..... \$.52 ea.
Green Ash..... 2/3'..... \$.54 ea.
Green Ash..... 3/4'..... \$.64 ea.
Lombardy Poplar. 2/3'..... \$1.12 ea.
Robusta Poplar.. 2/3'..... \$.56 ea.
Robusta Poplar.. 3/4'..... \$.68 ea.
Dropmore Elm.... 2/3'..... \$.54 ea.
American Plum... 2/3'..... \$.44 ea.
Russian Olive...18/24".... \$.54 ea.

...Ask about the other trees and shrubs that can be made available to you from the District.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES IN '73

An election to fill two Commissioners' positions was conducted at the District Office in April. Karen Bierstedt, Fenton, and Kenneth Brones, Swea City, were elected to 6-year terms.

County ministers were hosted to a "wagon tour" of conservation practices followed by a noon luncheon in observance of Soil Stewardship Week. Also, a total of 3,500 bulletin covers were provided to all churches in the county requesting them.

In June the Commissioners announced the county winners of the Conservation Awards Contest: Alice Kain, owner, and Julius Baas of Algona, operator, in the owner/tenant-operated division; Gerald Voigt, Fenton, in the owner-operated division; and, Neil Wubben, Swea City, in the teacher division.

The Commissioners, District Clerk, and District Conservationist attended the annual conference at Des Moines in September. Commissioner Bierstedt addressed an assembly of clerks in attendance.

Twelve regular meetings and one special meeting were conducted by the Commissioners in 1973. In addition, they attended the winter regional meeting held in Pocahontas and the summer regional meeting at Ayrshire.

Keith Harnden joined the Kossuth staff in October as State Aide. He transferred from Palo Alto District where he had served in a comparable position.

LIVESTOCK LAGOONS BUILT

Animal waste lagoons were constructed on the William Phelps and James Rock farms in Eagle Township. These lagoons were designed to handle the wastes from their cattle confinement feeding operation.

Each lagoon was built adjacent to a pole-type building which has a concrete slatted floor and concrete pit to hold the waste materials until released into the lagoon. The pit has capacity for a 120-day storage.

The pit will be emptied by opening a gate in the end toward the lagoon, allowing the wastes to flow directly into the lagoon. After which time, the pit will be flushed with water pumped from the lagoon.

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 1, 1972 - June 30, 1973

District Cooperators	56
Those Receiving Assistance	130
Total Services/single units	443
Recipients Applying Practice	87
Conservation Plans Prepared	47
Conservation Plans Revised	10
Inventories and Evaluations	9
Units of Gov't Assisted	7
Group Conservation Plans	1
Group Inv. and Eval.	3
Groups Assisted	4
Crop Residue Mgt.	9,777 Ac.
Diversions	350 Ft.
Disposal Lagoon	1
Farmstead/Feedlot Windbreaks	5 Ac.
Minimum Tillage	1,349 Ac.
Pasture & Hayland Mgt.	113 Ac.
Pasture & Hayland Planting	159 Ac.
Recreation Area Improvement	6 Ac.
Structure for Water Control	61
Drainage Field Ditch	167 Ft.
Parallel Terraces	32,308 Ft.
Tile	58,386 Ft.
Land Adequately Treated	5,397 Ac.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1972 - June 30, 1973

1-M Budget Account

1-M Budget Allocation	\$700.00
Additional Allocation	200.00
Total Allocation.....	\$900.00
Disbursements:	
Commissioners Expenses	\$369.37
Office Supplies	196.05
Printing	31.90
Prizes for Contests	13.05
Office Expenses	269.63
Meeting Expenses	20.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$900.00

2-M Budget Account

2-M Budget Allocation.....	\$12,812.00
Disbursements:	
Salaries	\$11,365.50
Travel	50.14
State Retirement	397.79
Social Security	631.90
Health Insurance	288.00
Life Insurance	67.38
Returned to State	
Committee	11.29
Total Disbursements.....	\$12,812.00

SOIL SURVEY REPORT

SECOND YEAR FOR YOUTH BOARD

The map below indicates the progress of the Kossuth County Standard Soil Survey now in its second year. Approximately 155,000 acres have been mapped which is nearly one-fourth of the county.

A soils map is a very useful and necessary tool in developing a conservation plan for your farm. Advance copies of the survey and technical assistance are provided at no cost to landowners and operators who indicate their concern for conservation by becoming a District Co-operator. If you are interested in obtaining an advance copy for your farm, stop in to the District Office located in the USDA Building in Algona.

KOSSUTH COUNTY

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

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....trees help supply oxygen we need to breathe. Yearly each acre of young trees can produce enough oxygen to keep 18 people alive.

Twenty-three high school students representing 13 school districts are promoting conservation county-wide as the Kossuth Conservation Youth Board enters its second year. Mike Kettwick, Buffalo Center, is president of the Board assisted by Kathy Inman, secretary, and Mike Coady, reporter, both of Bancroft.

Other members include: Steve Berschman, Lakota; Phil Buffington, Titonka; Sheila Madden, Sentral; Virginia Casey, Garrigan; Jay Dudding, Buffalo Center; Paul Rasmussen, Corwith-Wesley; Rod Norland, Titonka; John Thompson, Swea City; Les Erickson, Algona; Lyle Karels, Burt; Tom Inman, West Bend; Alan Johnson, Ledyard; Linda Marks, Corwith-Wesley; Leon Lepper, Burt; David Rock, Swea City; Lee Bergum, Sentral; Sandy Hilbert, Garrigan; Cindy Kiley, LuVerne; Kevin Montag, West Bend; and, Kim Ruby, Lakota.

The group is currently engaged in conducting a conservation poster contest and are making plans for speech and soil-judging contests to be held next spring. Their winter project has been to prepare and distribute information packets containing printed material on 8 different subjects to each high school in the district. These packets can be used for research and study on conservation subjects.

In the 1973 contests sponsored by the Youth Board, Mary Wubben of Buffalo Center took first place honors in the speech contest, Kim Heidecker of Lakota won first place in the poster contest, and a team from the West Bend High School was the winning entry in the soil judging contest.

Advisors to the Youth Board are Mrs. Karen Bierstedt, Fenton; Rodney Jensen, Lone Rock; Neil Wubben, Swea City; and, David Strickler, Algona.

-THANKS-

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