

Conservation Practices Show Increase in County

Conservation practices in Hardin county showed a sizeable increase in 1959. More new contouring was established, more terraces were built and more true planting accomplished than in any previous year since the organization of the district in 1945.

Over 2,100 acres of new contouring was established during the year and 14½ miles of terraces were constructed. A total of 92 acres of strip cropping was completed and a half mile of diversions.

Over 30 acres of white, Austrian and red pines were planted in tree planting projects and 610 rods of multiflora rose and honeysuckle hedgerow established. Over 100 acres of land was converted to wildlife areas for wild game cover.

Gully control structures were completed on two farms and construction of a 36,000 cubic yard earthen fill structure nearly a third completed on the Cecil Rooks farm, Eldora.

Eighteen acres of grassed waterways were constructed and 58 acres of pasture renovation completed.

Nearly 96,500 feet of tile was installed during 1959, the first year since 1959 that tile drainage dropped below 100,000 feet. Surface drainage and open ditch construction totaled 1½ miles for the year.

Conservation plans, including field layout, practices and rotations were in the Hardin Soil Conservation District during 1959, a 60 per cent increase over 1958. Over 100 farms having conservation plans were visited for follow-up contacts and 10 of these plans were revised.