

Loren Bengé Puts County in Finals For Seventh Year

Loren Bengé of Pulaski was the Region Six winner in the 1959 soil conservation achievement awards program, it was announced this week. He farms nine miles southeast of Bloomfield.

Bengé preserved Davis county's record of never having been without a regional winner in its seven-year association with the statewide awards program. He won in Division III, the category for new cooperators with the Soil Conservation District.

The 27 farms, nine regional winners in each of three divisions, will advance to state judging. One farm will be selected from each division, then the most outstanding of the three will be chosen for the sweepstakes award—a U.S. savings bond of \$500 maturity value.

Although always represented in the state finals, Davis county has yet to come away with a state award.

Bengé's 350-acre farm has 2½ miles of terraces, an erosion control structure (and a recreational area for fishing) and some contour-planted crops. He came with the Davis County Soils District in January, 1957.

On the state judging committee, headed by Frank Mendell, state conservationist for the U.S. soil conservation service, are Clyde Spry, state secretary of agriculture; William Greiner, executive secretary of the state soil conservation committee; Harvey Thompson, Iowa State University; Gilbert Fridley, president of the district commissioners; Wayne Pritchard, Soil Conservation Society of America; and Glenn Cunningham, Register and Tribune farm staff.