

Recognize Lundy's, Huston's Soil Conservation Work



The week of June 20-27, set aside as Soil Conservation Week, calls special attention to winners of the annual Soil Conservation Achievement Awards in Hardin county.

Selected as the winners of the 1964 awards and named at the annual banquet this spring were Jack Lundy and Forrest Huston of Union in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation.

Huston rents the 765 acre farm that Lundy owns, located 3 miles southeast of Union. During the past year, a total of 7,780 feet of grassed back slope terraces were installed on that farm.

Shore Construction Co., of Eldora were the contractors for the new style outlets and Merrill Wiechmann of Hubbard was in charge of making the new type terraces at the Lundy farm.

The Lundy farm has been a cooperator since 1953. In addition to the new terraces, the farm has grassed waterways, contoured farmland, miles of tile, other

type terraces and wildlife cover.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In addition to the award winners in the county, Soil Conservation Week also spotlights the other efforts in the preservation of the soil and water.

In 1964, a total of 524 farms in the county were cooperators. New cooperators totaled 49.

Major conservation practices included the following: contouring—2,083 acres; stripcropping—24 acres; parallel terraces — 2,550 feet; grassed waterways — 49.6 acres; concrete structures — 8; ponds — 1; tile drainage — 132,587 feet; tile system structures — 84; surface drainage — 9,430 feet; tree planting — 5.8 acres; and wildlife areas — 10.5 acres.

The grassed back slope terraces or bench terraces on Lundy farm are the first of their type in the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

Chuck McCarty, Work Unit Conservationist, estimates that an additional 19,700 feet of these terraces are or will be installed in the county during

1965.

Foster Mason, who farms near Iowa Falls, has already installed 4,000 feet of the bench type terraces. Others in the planning stage or in the process of construction are 13,000 feet on the Joe Beach farm, 2,000 on the John Butler farm near Quaker Heights and 700 feet on the Paul Primus farm.

OTHER PLANS

Besides the terraces, other plans for the year include, a 11 acre lake on the Steamboat Rock recreation area and a temporary storage area just above that on the Roland Newby farm.

It is estimated that the Newby structure will prolong the life of the lake at Steamboat by three times.

PINE LAKE WATERSHED

Also underway is the Pine Lake Watershed which encompasses 10,000 acres in Hardin and Grundy counties. Several farmers in that watershed have al-



Forrest Huston stands on one of the new grass back sloped terraces (bench) on the 765 acre farm owned by Jack Lundy and located three miles southeast of Union. Huston and

Lundy are the 1965 winners of the Conservation Achievement Awards for their achievements in soil and water conservation. A total of 7,780 feet of the new type terraces were installed on

the farm Huston operates. Recognition is being given the pair in connection with National Soil Conservation Week, June 20-27.

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