

1993 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 1993 Annual Conservation Report

1M BUDGET

1993 Allocation		\$1,629.14
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$1,133.24	
Commissioner Expenses	495.90	

IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

1993 Allocation		\$38,389.00
Amount Spent	\$15,537.54	
Amount Obligated (unspent)	8,408.00	
Released to DSC 12/31/93	14,443.46	

RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT & PROTECTION (REAP)

REAP WATER PROTECTION PRACTICES

1993 Allocation		\$ 5,220.00
Amount Spent	\$ 4,670.63	
Amount Unspent	549.37	

REAP FORESTRY NATIVE GRASS

1993 Allocation		\$ 1,345.00
Amount Spent	\$ 1,345.00	

1993 NEW COOPERATORS

Michael Gesling, Chancy Moore, Philip Urmie, David Urmie, Chuck Urmie, John Caes, Erma Kiser, Lyle & Terri Parry, Darrell Reid, Andrew & Penny Kapinski, Mike Harden, Harold & Naomi Wehde, Walter Wiebke, Dale Reed, Ronald Allmandinger, James Selfridge, Wayne Thede, Waters Family Ltd., Marvin Steinhagen, Marvin Evers, WAG Inc. %Pete Greiner, James Ahrens, Janet Nelson, Gary Bartlett, Richard Reid, Dircks Farms Inc., Robert Gregory, Allan Hasselbusch

FIELD OFFICE STAFF

Kurtis F. Hoeft		District Conservationist
Doug Ensminger		Soil Conservationist
Judy A. Hagan		Soil Conservation Technician
Melanie B. Schott		District Secretary
Carmen A. Fields		Soil Conservation Aid

COOPERATING AGENCIES

Jerry Long		ISU Extension Director
Steve Swinonos		District Forester
Tim Thompson		Wildlife Mgt. Biologist
Allan Schmidt		ASCS County Exec. Director
Michael Graham		FmHA County Supervisor
Rick Rouse		County Conservation Board

1993 DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Michael Walter	Cass Township
Richard Kreinbring	Springfield Township
Randall Shaul	Red Oak Township
Rita Mays	Farmington Township
Randy Mather	Gower Township

1993 ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Millicent Zenishek	Fremont Township
Richard Zenishek	Fremont Township
Steve Leazer	Farmington Township
Joel Brown	Pioneer Township

FISCAL YEAR 1993 SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New District Cooperators	28	no.
Land Users Assisted	1,072	no.
Land Users Applying A Conservation Practice . .	490	no.
FSA Plans Revised	39,060	ac.
Cropland Erosion Reduced	29,503	ac.
Pasture Protected (CRP)	1,714	ac.
Conservation Tillage	18,801	ac.
Contour Farming	8,997	ac.
Grade Stabilization Structures	10	no.
Windbreaks	6	ac.
Ponds	2	no.
Grassed Waterways	87	ac.
Tons Soil Saved	193,041	tons

1993 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

Cedar Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners met for their organizational meeting January 12, 1993. Election of officers was held: Michael Walter, Chairman; Richard Kreinbring, Vice-Chairman; Jerry Long, Secretary; and Melanie Schott, Treasurer. The following Assistant Commissioners were appointed: Steve Leazer, Joel Brown, Richard Zenishek, and Millicent Zenishek. The Board reviewed a soil loss complaint and approved FSA plan revisions.

District newsletter was distributed January 15. A staff meeting and ethics training was held in the Tipton Field Office January 19. Limestone Bluffs RC&D held a meeting on the 21st.

The District tree sales campaign began. Soil Conservationist Doug Ensminger organized upcoming neighborhood meetings.

Soil Conservationist Clarence Bunch attended training in Minneapolis January 25-29.

Commissioners Mike Walter, Rita Mays, and Assistant Commissioner Steve Leazer assisted in the Registration Booth at the Eastern Iowa Conservation Tillage Show in Cedar Rapids January 27.

Soil Conservation Technician Judy Hagan and Soil Conservation Aid Carmen Fields attended Technician Training in Washington on January 28.

FEBRUARY

The District sponsored a Contractors Show in Durant on February 1.

Limestone Bluffs RC&D board members met February 4.

The Environmental Education Committee met February 9.

Commissioners met for their regular meeting on the 9th. The board developed priorities for no-till cost-share and reviewed 44 applications; approved FSA plan revisions; and reviewed scholarship applications.

Cooperator Ray Millett hosted a neighborhood meeting on the 10th.

DC Hoeft attended wetland training February 11 in Muscatine.

The District held their Annual Banquet in conjunction with Corn & Soybean Growers Masters Contest annual event. Chairman Mike Walter presented no-till contest and conservation awards.

SC Bunch and Ensminger attended the Soybean Conference February 16.

Cedar SWCD Annual Report was published as a supplement to the Tipton Conservative February 17.

Commissioner Rita Mays attended a Residue Management Seminar in Lowden organized by SC Ensminger and Ed Andrews. Representatives from tillage tool companies were available for questions.

District Secretary Melanie Schott assisted the DeWitt Field Office due to their secretary vacancy on February 22.

Cooperator Steve Nash hosted a neighborhood meeting February 23.

District cooperated with ISU Extension Service at the West Branch Crop Clinic on the 23rd. DC Hoeft presented information on FSA and waterways.

Cooperator Walter Hansen hosted a neighborhood meeting February 24 and Marty Fay hosted a meeting on the 25th.

Work began on a local no-till video. SC Ed Andrews from Davenport and Greg Brenneman from ISU worked with George Driscoll from Mechanicsville on the project.

MARCH

District tree sales campaign ended March 1.

Robert Stork hosted a neighborhood meeting on the 2nd.

Area Conservationist Kathy Pielsticker visited Tipton Field Office March 4.

Cooperator Don Driscoll hosted a neighborhood meeting on the 5th.

Eastern Iowa Hay Producers Association meeting was held March 9. District Commissioners met for their regular meeting. The board reviewed cost-share applications; approved FSA plans; and discussed Cedar County Landfill closing data.

Commissioners Randy Mather and Rita Mays attended Spring Regional Meeting March 10 along with DC Hoeft.

Cooperator Wayne Frederick hosted a neighborhood meeting on the 11th.

Limestone Bluffs RC&D held a tree planting meeting March 12 in Maquoketa.

Cooperator Merlin Gadelmann placed conservation farm displays at Community State Bank in conjunction with Ag Week March 15-19.

DC Hoeft attended a District Conservationists meeting in Washington, Iowa, March 25.

A drill owner's clinic was held in DeWitt on March 29.

Area Resource Soil Scientist Mark LaVan assisted the Tipton Field Office on a soil investigation.

Waterway training was held March 30 in Davenport.

Soil Scientist Lonnie Miller assisted Tipton Field Office March 31.

DC Hoeft worked with Jim Reel, SCS Water Resources Planning Staff, City of West Branch, Hoover Historical Site Park Board, and local landowners on a proposed watershed project.

Melanie Schott painted signs to be placed around the county to highlight waterways, contours, and field borders around the county.

APRIL

Cedar SWCD worked with Cedar-Wapsi Pheasants Forever and Cedar County Sportsmans Club by providing free trees to cooperators for wildlife purposes.

Soil Stewardship materials were ordered and distributed to local churches in observation of Soil Stewardship Week April 25 to May 2.

Wetland Training was held in Tipton April 7.

DC Hoeft attended a 5% spot check meeting in Sigourney.

The District newsletters was published and sent out April 9.

Commissioners regular meeting was held April 13. The board interviewed scholarship applicants and selected Marcia Wendt of Clarence-Lowden and Devon Schott of Tipton for \$200 scholarships each. The board approved payment of IASWCDC State dues, reviewed cost-share applications, and approved FSA plans. Commissioner Rita Mays reported on the Spring Regional Meeting she attended in March.

Environmental Education committee met and held their annual poster contest April 14.

A rotary ditcher demonstration was held April 20.

Area Clerk Darlene Lauder and Resource Conservationist Dean Pettit assisted Tipton Field Office April 21.

A rotary ditch demonstration was held near Walcott on April 21.

A red oak tree seedling was distributed to each third grade student in participating schools (Tipton, Bennett, Clarence-Lowden, Lincoln, and Durant).

MAY

Assistant Commissioners Richard & Millie Zenishek hosted Lincoln students and presented their conservation tillage and no-till equipment and operations.

Cedar SWCD picked up tree seedlings May 6 from Cascade Forestry Service and distributed for District tree sales program at the Margery Schott farm.

District Commissioners met for their regular meeting May 11. Current legislative bills and USDA reorganization information was discussed; FSA plan revisions approved; and prepared a resolution regarding cost-share. Commissioner Rita Mays volunteered as MAX coordinator.

DC Hoeft met with ASCS and FmHA Supervisors May 12 for an Emergency Board Meeting.

Tipton Field Office held a staff meeting May 17.

JUNE

Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 8. The board approved cost-share payments and the Annual Plan of Work was reviewed.

Area Conservationist Kathy Pielsticker visited the Tipton Field Office June 10.

Cedar SWCD newsletter was published and sent June 11.

District Forester Steve Swinonos assisted Tipton Field Office with tree plantings and organized a Forestry Field Day.

SE Iowa Research Day was held near Crawfordsville June 15.

Area Soil Conservationist David White visited Tipton Field Office for 5% spot check June 17.

Hurricane ditcher demonstrations were held in Johnson county June 16 and Scott county on the 23rd.

JULY

Commissioner Randy Mather, and cooperators Ken Fawcett and Alan Mather hosted a conservation tour July 1.

Commissioners held their regular meeting July 6 and with the help of pilots Mike Moes and Ed Crock, aerial viewed conservation farms for annual awards in the county. The board discussed the new organic nutrient management waste program and reviewed SCS and SWCD Memorandum of Understanding.

SC Ensminger and District Secretary Melanie Schott attended computer training in Fairfield July 22.

SC Ensminger attended Professional Selling Skills training July 14-16.

AUGUST

DC Hoeft attending an Area Meeting in Sigourney August 5.

An Emergency Disaster Downlink was viewed at the ISU Extension Service on the 9th.

Commissioners met for their regular meeting August 10. The board viewed a soil loss complaint site; reviewed and approved the 1m Budget and Spending Plan; approved cost-share payments and FSA plan revisions; set priorities for ONMP; participated in NACD Farm Bill Survey; and reviewed a current rental survey information provided by Jerry Long.

DC Hoeft and SC Ensminger attended ag waste management training in Iowa City on August 25.

Cedar SWCD participated in the Annual Corn & Soybean Growers Field Day near Stanwood on August 26.

SEPTEMBER

Limestone Bluffs RC&D held a meeting in Anamosa September 8.

DC Hoeft attended an Emergency Conservation Program meeting in Cedar Rapids.

Commissioner Mike Walter and DC Hoeft attended the Fall Regional Meeting and tour near Tama.

Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 14. The board reviewed annual conference resolutions; review and signed a Memorandum of Understanding between ASCS and SWCD; discussed current Limestone Bluffs RC&D Projects; and selected Kerry Phelps' windbreak for the Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award.

Area Resource Soil Scientist Mark LaVan assisted the Tipton Field Office on September 22.

The District newsletter was published and sent.

DC Hoeft attended a District Conservationist Meeting September 21-23.

The Farm Progress Show was held near Amana September 28-30.

OCTOBER

Soil Conservationist Clarence Bunch was promoted and accepted a position in DeWitt.

Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 12. The board discussed Emergency Wetland Reserve Program and Emergency Conservation Program funds and projects; cost-share payments were approved and FSA plan revisions were reviewed and approved.

Division of Soil Conservation Field Representative Paul Valin visited the Tipton Field Office to complete the annual performance appraisal on State employee staff.

Cooperator Steve Nash hosted a Forestry Field Day on October 19, north of Springdale.

DC Hoeft attended Wetland Training on October 25 in Oskaloosa.

DC Hoeft with for FEMA on October 28.

NOVEMBER

Commissioner Rita Mays attended an information as the MAX coordinator on November 9.

Commissioners met for their regular meeting on the 9th. The board approved cost-share applications; reviewed the Annual Plan of Work; and reviewed current legislation.

Commissioners met for a special meeting November 16 to approve and Organic Waste Management Program application.

Commissioner Mike Walter attended the Limestone Bluffs RC&D meeting in Maquoketa on November 17.

The Eastern Iowa Hay Producers Association board of directors met November 23.

The Emergency Wetland Reserve Program began on November 29.

DECEMBER

Wayne Fischer, with the Fish & Wildlife Service, assisted the Tipton Field Office on December 10.

Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 14 at the Extension Service office. Extension Director Jerry Long demonstrated his new ISU computer ISOIL program to the commissioners.

DC Hoeft attended a sub-area meeting on December 15.

Soil Conservationist Ed Andrews from Davenport Field Office and Greg Brenneman from ISU completed the no-till video "No-Tilling Corn & Beans" featuring George Driscoll of Mechanicsville. The video was funded by DuPont Corporation and sponsored by Cedar SWCD. The video is available for review.

The District and Extension Service met December 20 to prepare for a windbreak meeting.

The Emergency Wetland Reserve Program ended December 30.