

Hardin Soil Conservation District
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ANNUAL REPORT

HARDIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- Hardin SCD cooperated in sponsoring the Soil Judging Contest
- Two teachers attended the Fall Conservation Workshop
- District Commissioners Election was held in Spring '75 with Caleb Knutson and Gary Walters being elected
- Educational conservation booklets were distributed to every 6th grader in the county
- Joe Shore resigned as State Aide May 2, 1975 and Earnest Hoffa was hired August 1975 to fill this vacancy
- A public hearing on the Union Watershed was held June 4, 1975
- A four-county Iowa-Cedar River Basin Meeting was held in Ackley June 18
- Dennis Lettow was named State and Regional Conservation Teacher of the Year through the Register and Tribune Contest
- The Hardin District entered the Goodyear Contest and as winner designated Paul Primus and Kermit Whitehead to represent the district on the Goodyear Trip to Litchfield Park, Arizona
- Dean Peterson was named Regional and State Conservation Speech Winner
- Two complaints under the Conservancy District Law were received and both were resolved
- David Beck, Manhattan, Kansas college student, spent the 1975 summer in Eldora as a student trainee with SCS
- Plans were made to start a county-wide soil survey for the Hardin District in the Fall of 1975
- The commissioners decided to hold a Photo Contest
- District Conservation Farm Achievement Contest winners for 1974 were Larry and Carl Callaway
- District and Regional Conservation Farm Achievement Contest winners for 1975 were Leonard and Gary Hoffman
- There were 12 regular and 3 special commissioner meetings held

CONSERVATION CLUB

A Conservation Club membership card is enclosed and we are asking your support again this year. Several people gave \$3.00 last year and a few gave more. We appreciate your help!

The attached financial statement shows the items for which the money was spent. It is not our intent to build up a large fund but there are some expenses which are covered only by your donations. Your continued help has made a very significant contribution to the active program carried on by the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

PROGRESS IN 1975

The formal report of 1975 accomplishments is attached and we believe this is the type of progress which can be expected from an active, working district. Since all activities begin with planning, the 27 new cooperators, 23 new plans, 36 revised plans and 10 group plans give an indication of continuing activity. The ultimate of soil conservation is "on the land treatment," and the accomplishments in this area are more than we have space to report.

Improvement to cropland include 20,000 + feet of terraces, 173,000 feet of tile drainage, 46 acres of grass waterway and 2,514 acres of minimum tillage. This, however; does not include total accomplishments for the district. Two items, tile drainage and minimum tillage, stand out as accomplishments beyond those shown here. We believe there were very few acres of soybean land plowed this year which is a good start toward minimum tillage and a great benefit to wind and water erosion control.

Even though pasture and wildlife areas occupy only a small percentage of land in the Hardin SCD, they are important resources and it is significant to note that district cooperators included 399 pasture acres and 186 wildlife acres in their management plans.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF SOME ADDITIONAL HONORS THIS YEAR.

Dennis Lettow - State Conservation Teacher of the Year

Leonard Hoffman

Gary Hoffman > Region III Conservation Farm Winners

Dean Peterson - Regional and State Conservation Speech Winner

Hardin SCD - Goodyear Contest Winner

This amounts to first place in all of the contests the district entered this year. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE WINNERS!

This report appears to be a well-balanced program for the protection of our most valuable resource: soil. But we are always open for suggestions. Please give us your ideas for improving conservation.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MESSAGE

After spending one year in your district I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you for your excellent cooperation. This is an active district with a program worthy of recognition. I am sure your district can not always be number one in so many contests as it was in 1975 but there is every evidence of continuing progress. I look forward to 1976 being another excellent year and I believe minimum tillage will be the greatest need as well as the biggest accomplishment.

SUMMARY OF WORK

New Cooperators	27
Recipients of Technical Assistance	281
Cooperator Contacts	697
Conservation Plans	23
Conservation Plans Revised	36
Group Resource Plans	10
Groups Assisted	23
REAP Referrals Serviced	120
Parallel Terraces	20,470'
Tile	173,052'
Windbreaks	4ac
Land Adequately Treated	4,099ac
Grassed Waterways	46ac
Critical Area Planting	57ac
Disposal Lagoon	2
Pond	3
Holding Pond for Livestock Waste	4
Minimum Tillage	2,514ac
Drainage Main/Lateral	9,000'
Pasture and Hayland Management	349ac
Wildlife Upland Management	187ac

TILE SURVEY RECORDS AVAILABLE

The Hardin SCD has accumulated a large number of tile plans over the years. Some owners may not have a copy for their records. If you would like to have the original plan or a copy, many of these are available by stopping in at the SCS office and picking up your copy. These are valuable records when you need to locate your tile mains.

SOIL SURVEY

Kermit Voy, soil scientist from Hampton, is in charge of the soil survey for Hardin County. The field work has started in the northwest corner of the county.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Carroll Hobson, Chairman	
Kermit Whitehead	Joe Knight, March '75
Caleb Knutson	now Assist. Comm.
Martin Broer	Paul Primus, Assist. Comm.
Gary Walters, April '75	

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Thaine Hogue, District Conservationist
 Dean Miller, Conservation Technician
 Joe Shore, Conservation Aide, May 1975
 Earnest Hoffa, Conservation Aide, August 1975
 Barb Meyer, Clerk-Typist, September 1975
 Nanci Galloway, Clerk-Typist, October 1975

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Financial Statement

I-M Budget

Commissioners Expense	\$	506.15	
Office Supplies		373.31	
Office Expense		250.55	
Printing		116.73	
Meeting Expense		27.28	
Prizes for Contests		50.00	
Rental for Meeting Halls		25.00	
	\$	1,349.02	TOTAL EXPENDED

II-M Budget

Clerical and Technical Assistance	\$14,296.36
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III-M Budget

Allocation (73-74)		\$15,600.00
Approved for Cost-Share	\$16,098.75	
Applications Paid	14,717.83	
Amount Obligated (Completion by July 1, 1976)	600.00	
Unobligated Balance Reverted Back to State December 31, 1975		\$ 282.17

Allocation (74-75)		\$10,952.65
LTA (Long Term Agreement)		4,647.35
Approved for Cost-Share	\$12,994.24	
Applications Paid	8,997.84	
Obligated	1,577.50	
LTA Approved for Cost-Share	5,363.00	
LTA Applications Paid	4,076.09	
Unobligated Balance		\$ 948.57

Revolving Account

July 1974 Balance	\$	373.42
July 1975 Balance	\$	401.40

Conservation Club Account

July 1974 Balance	\$	837.43
Income (Cons. Club Donations)		846.85
	\$	1,684.28

Expense

Educational Materials	\$	112.58	
Equipment Maintenance		251.22	
State, National Dues		250.00	
Conservation Camp		16.00	
Miscellaneous		55.32	
	\$	685.12	TOTAL EXPENDED
July 1975 Balance		999.16	
	\$	1,684.28	