

Winners Named In Hardin Soil Conservation Dist.

Gerald Modlin, Eldora; Forrest Huston, Union, and Jack Lundy, Marshalltown, are the Hardin County Soil Conservation District winners of the Soil Conservation Achievement Awards contest.

The were selected July 1 by the Hardin Soil Conservation District commissioners. The three division contest is sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune to encourage better land use programs on Iowa farms.

Huston, a Division II winner, farms 768 acres southeast of Union. Lundy is the owner. Division II is for tenant-operated farms on which the best conservation program has been established and maintained. They have employed extensive conservation practices including grassed backslope terraces, contouring, grassed waterways, renovated pasture, wildlife areas, and numerous small projects. Huston is active in community affairs and activities in addition to practicing good conservation.

Modlin owns and operates 260 acres east of Eldora. He is a Division I winner. Division I is for family-operated farms or owner operated farms and recognizes the farm on which the owner-operators has accomplished the most complete conservation program as determined by the land use program and soil conservation practices adopted. Modlin uses conservation practices including terraces, contouring, grassed waterways, and tile. He is president of the Hardin County Farm Bureau and is active in other community affairs.

The contest is open to all farmers who are soil conservation district cooperators. To be eligible, the farm entered must include all the land farmed by the operator and must include a farmstead with residence which is occupied by the operator.

District winners advance to the Regional contest which will be announced September 13.