

Davis County Soil Contest Winners Are Announced

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Dwight White and William L. Sloan have been named winners in the annual soil conservation contest in Davis County.

Verle Arnold, work unit conservationist, announced the winners of the local contest sponsored by the Davis County Soil Conservation District, the Des Moines Register and Tribune, the State Soil Conservation

Committee and others.

WHITE, route 8, Bloomfield, was the winner in Division I of the contest which is for owner-operators. Sloan of near Floris was the Division III (new co-operator) winner. There were no entries in Division II (landlord-tenant).

The conservation practices of the new farmers are now being judged in the Region 9 Sweepstakes contest. Regional winners will be announced in September.

White and Sloan will be presented awards at the annual Davis County Soil Conservation District meeting in November or December. Their awards will include certificates from the Register and Tribune and plaques from the Bloomfield Newspapers.

White owns and operates a 280 acre farm southwest of Bloomfield. He has 60 acres of row crops on the contour, four acres of waterways, one-half mile of diversions and four ponds and one diversion structure.

White's farm has 50 acres of renovated pasture.

HIS FARMING operation is mainly a sheep enterprise with

a few hogs. His sheep operation includes purebred production and feeder lambs.

White has been active in promoting lamb and wool production in Davis County and in pasture improvements. He is also a well known sheep show judge.

Sloan is in his second year of cooperation with the district and farms 320 acres southeast of Floris.

HE HAS 50 acres in a strip

cropping program and 36 acres of contoured row crops.

He has one structure and two ponds on his farm.

Sloan's farming operation is a general enterprise with dairy cattle, ewe and lamb flock, 15 sows, and a beef cattle herd. Sloan is attempting to increase his beef herd.

Sloan is a 4-H leader and an alternate ASCS township committeeman.

Seeding Recommended Now by Arnold 8.25.66

'Now is the time to seed the waterways and earth fills that have been constructed this summer', says Verle Arnold of the local Soil Conservation Service Office.

Arnold said that the period from August 20th to the 15th of September is usually an ideal time for making fall seedings. He said that farmers should apply a mixture of 40 pounds of nitrogen, 80 pounds of phosphate and 40 pounds of potash per acre and seed the waterways and earth fills to a mixture of 1 bushel of oats, 12 pounds of brome grass, 5 pounds of tall fescue, 3 pounds of timothy and 4 pounds of trefoil or alfalfa per acre.

Reeds Canary Grass should be overseeded at the rate of 15 pounds per acre on wet waterways and the upstream berm of earth fills.