

Select Nine Farms For Soil Awards

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WINNERS of nine sweepstakes awards in the 1969 Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program were announced Saturday by Wilson T. Moon, state conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and William H. Greiner, director of the Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee.

The awards go to the farms which have the best soil and water conservation program in each region. The winners in the nine regions will now compete for the state conservation farm family award.

Recognition dinners will be scheduled this fall to honor the sweepstakes winners and other regional winners. Hosts for these events will be the soil conservation district

commissioners in these counties: Plymouth, Buena Vista, Hardin, Allamakee, Cass, Marshall, Iowa, Adams and Van Buren.

The program, which is now in its seventeenth year, is sponsored by The Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Iowa Farm and Home Register.

Co-sponsors are the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, the Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Iowa State University, the Iowa Department of Agriculture, the Iowa Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America and the Iowa Conservation Education Council.

Following are the nine sweepstakes award winners:

Region 1

The sweepstakes award farm in Region 1 (nine northwest Iowa counties) is owned by William Peterson, 610 27th St., Sioux City, and operated by Dale Koskovich, Kingsley.

Peterson has been a co-operator in the Plymouth Soil Conservation District since 1954 when he installed the first of 13½ miles of terraces. The latest project has been the installation of 1,650 feet of terraces on permanent pasture ground.

All necessary waterways have been built and all row crops are planted on the contour. Grass headlands have been estab-