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ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR CONSERVATION
FIELD DAYS IN ELDORA

THE 1968 IOWA CONSERVATION FIELD DAYS AND PLOWING MATCH WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 5-6 IN THE HARDIN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEAR ELDORA, IOWA.

THE APPROXIMATE 400-ACRE SITE LIES IN THE PINE LAKE WATERSHED, WHICH RECENTLY CAME INTO PROMINENCE AS RESULT OF EFFORTS TO REDUCE SILTATION IN PINE LAKE, ONE OF IOWA'S FINEST RECREATIONAL AREAS. FARMERS IN THE AREA ARE COOPERATING IN THE BUILDING OF TERRACES, PONDS AND OTHER EROSION CONTROL MEASURES.

VISITORS TO THE FIELD DAYS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE CONTOUR AND LEVEL LAND PLOWING CONTESTS, A BIG PLOW EVENT, AND EXTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL DEMONSTRATION PLOTS WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION. A WILDLIFE REFUGE, PLANTING AND PARRALLEL TERRACES UNDER CONSTRUCTION WILL ALSO BE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TWO-DAY AFFAIR.

HARDIN DISTRICT IS PLANNING AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM ON WHEELS TO BE CONDUCTED SEPTEMBER 5-6 IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIELD DAYS. STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM WITHIN 50-60 MILES RADIUS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. STUDENTS WILL SEE CONTOUR FARMING, GRASS BACKSLOPE TERRACES, NEW DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, PLOWING CONTESTS, WEED CONTROL, CROP GROWING TECHNIQUES, AS WELL AS VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS AND COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE FIELD DAYS, WHICH LASTS 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. EACH DAY, IN ADDITION TO THE PLOWING AND CONSERVATION TOURS INCLUDES A NEW AGRICULTURE RESEARCH STATION ON THE GROUNDS, WHICH RECORDS SOIL LOSS AND WATER YIELD DATA; TRAVELING WILDLIFE EXHIBIT; HELICOPTER RIDES; A 30-ACRE COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT AREA, PLUS A VARIED INDUSTRIES TENT.

PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A MINIMUM TILLAGE EXHIBIT AND DEMONSTRATION AREAS AS PART OF THE FIELD DAYS. CONTACTS HAVE BEEN NAME WITH BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES FOR STATE AND NATIONAL CANDIDATES AS PART OF THE PROGRAM. A FIELD WILL BE COMPLETELY TERRACED AS PART OF A CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION.

THE FIELD DAYS WILL INCLUDE SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WOMEN AS WELL. FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS WERE PREPARED WITH THE WOMAN IN MIND. IOWA'S MISS WOOL WILL BE PRESENT AND A STYLE SHOW IS SCHEDULED. DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DECOUPAGE, FURNITURE ANTIQUING AND ELECTRONIC OVENS.