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Forsythes are named region soil winners

The farm of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forsythe has been named a sweepstakes award winner in the 1970 Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

The Forsythes were one of nine regional sweepstakes award winners announced Saturday by the co-chairmen, Wilson T. Moon, state conservationist, and William H. Greiner, director of the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation.

The awards are presented to farms which have the best soil and water conservation pro-

grams in the nine regions of the state. One of the sweepstakes winners will be named as the state conservation farm family award.

The Forsythes were the winners in the owner-operator class in the Davis County Soil Conservation District Contest.

The Forsythes will receive awards from the Des Moines Register and Tribune and other co-sponsors of the contest. They will also receive a plaque from the Bloomfield Newspapers at the annual Davis County Soil

Conservation District banquet.

The Forsythes operate a 600-acre Grade A dairy farm in northwest Davis County. He has 260 head of dairy stock and milks about 85 cows. He also has 75 head of ewes.

His conservation practices include 32 acres of row crops farmed on the contour, 1.6 miles of terraces, one-half mile of diversions, six farm ponds, one erosion control structure, a wildlife and tree planting area around the structure, 190 acres of renovated pasture and another 30 acres planned for renovation, 1000 feet of open drainage ditch and 100 acres of crop land that has been converted to pasture.

Forsythe has been active in the Davis County Soil Conservation District for seven years. He and his wife have also been 4-H leaders. Forsythe has been a member of the Extension Council and the ASCS Township Committee.