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The family farm operation owned by Russell and Bruce Goodenow, Battle Creek, and operated by Bruce will be honored on March 27, according to Henry Brueck, chairman of the Ida County Soil Conservation District. The farm placed first in Ida County, first in the northwest Iowa region and first in the state in the Iowa Conservation Awards program.

In winning this award the Goodenows installed and maintained the following conservation practices on their farm: approximately 300 acres of contour farming, 13.1 acres of grassed waterways, thirteen miles of level terraces, four acres of tree planting, 0.4 miles of diversion terrace, five erosion control dams, 105 rods of contour fence, five acres of pasture renovation, six acres of re-established permanent grass, 1600 feet of tile drains combined with a stock watering system, 2400 feet of bottomland drainage ditch, five acres of farmstead windbreak, eight acres of wildlife areas fenced and planted. These practices were the end result of farm conservation plans started as early as 1946.

Most of the Goodenow land lays in the Pleasant Valley watershed, Maple and Corwin townships.

"The Goodenows have one of the best of many fine conservation operations in this neighborhood," stated Kenneth H. Burnett, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Ida Grove. "The millenium will come when every farm in Ida county is protected equally well."