

SOIL CONSERVATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Kansas Bankers Association

PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the Kansas natural resource by giving recognition to those farmers and ranchers who have made outstanding progress in the development of a complete soil conservation plan and implementation of that plan on their farms in accordance with the capability of the land.

SPONSOR: Kansas Bankers Association

COOPERATING GROUPS:

State Conservation Commission
Kansas State University, K-State Research and Extension
USDA, Farm Services Agency
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Kansas Department of Agriculture
County Conservation Districts

PROCEDURE: Recognition of individual or individuals in a partnership or corporation

1. Nominations for recognition of individuals will be made to the County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources. Nominations may be made by any person, on appropriate nomination blanks and shall be in the hands of the Committee by November 1.
2. The selection of individuals to receive awards will be made by the following committee:
 - County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources (Chairperson of group)
 - USDA, FSA, County Executive Director
 - Chairperson of County Extension Executive Board
 - USDA, NRCS, District Conservationist
 - Chairperson, Board of Supervisors, County Conservation District
 - County Key Banker (ex officio without vote)
3. The basis of selection of individual awardees will be determined on the following points:
 - a. Use of land according to its capabilities.
 - b. Completeness of conservation plan.
 - c. Balance of farm enterprise.
 - d. Quality of conservation work completed and maintenance of practices.
 - e. Special Practices: In addition to traditional practices, special practices such as grassland development, forestry, pollution abatement, riparian management, water quality, and residue management should be considered.

AWARD: Individual certificate(s) of award.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD: Award will be given annually. The County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources and the County Key Banker will make plans for the presentation of the awards at a county-wide agricultural meeting or special meeting that would occur at this time.