

WATER QUALITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Kansas Bankers Association

PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the protection of the water resource of Kansas by giving recognition to those farmers and ranchers who have taken measures to improve and protect water quality on their farms and ranches.

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 County Committee on Water Quality Awards:

- County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources (Chairperson of group)
- USDA, Farm Services Agency, 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. Quality of water quality improvement and protection work.
- b. Adoption of cropping, grazing, and animal feeding operation practices to reduce sediment, nutrient, and bacterial contamination of surface waters.
- c. Practices may include, but are not limited to: Conversion of cropland to total no-till farming systems (high residue levels), planting grass or forested riparian buffers, development of a nutrient management plan, installing livestock waste management systems, rotational grazing, improved livestock watering distribution systems, moving livestock operations out of riparian areas, creation of stabilized stream crossings, and mortality management.

AWARDS: Individual certificate(s) of award.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: Awards 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.