

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION

The Agricultural Conservation Program affects in some way or another most of the farmers in Dane County.

Direct responsibility for administration rests in the hands of a farmer committee consisting of Joseph C. Adler, Middleton; Andrew J. Mell, DeForest, and John Fluckiger, Jr., of Verona.

As Secretary and ex-officio member of the County Committee, it is our duty as County Agents to conduct a broad program of education and information which familiarizes farmers with the program, and to assist individual farmers make the adjustments necessary for participation.

Estimated payments to Dane County farmers participating in the 1942 program follow:

1. No. farms participating	5,000
2. Estimated total of all A.A.A. payments (1942)	\$1,090,000.00
3. Amount of total which represents corn parity payments	360,000.00
4. Amount of total which represents tobacco parity payments	90,000.00
5. Amount of total paid for carrying out recommended soil building practices	174,000.00
6. Amount of total which represents regular Agricultural Conservation payment	460,000.00
7. Amount of total which represents wheat parity payments	6,000.00

The long time effect of the A.A.A. program upon our agriculture is good:

1. It has made farmers more "soil conservation minded".
2. The acreage of legumes and other hay and pasture crops has increased under the program.
3. More farmers have been encouraged to apply ground limestone and commercial fertilizer.

All these represent contributions to the permanent improvement of land and the community.