

Fourth Winner In Soil Essay Contest

The winner of the fourth place in the Cass Soil District essay contest is Barbara Walker, eight grade student in district No. 22, Weeping Water. The teacher of the student is Marguerite Dall Finney. This is the second winner in the contest student of Mrs. Finney.

SAVE OUR SOIL

Nebraska needs to save its soil because it is a leading agricultural state.

When people burn the stubble left by crops it destroys the protective cover, exhausts the organic matter or humus of the soil, and reduces its water-absorbing ability. This practice leaves the land ready for wind or water erosion, and also the crops planted in the same ground

does not yield as much as the first crop. Because of these reduced yields, the farm income becomes low and the standard of living for a farm family becomes poor.

When the protective covering is taken off of the land in many places serious dust storms occur causing much property damage and taking the lives of people.

There are ten ways in which this may be stopped.

By rotating crops, it helps to maintain the organic matter in the soil. By rotating small grain crops with legumes the farmer gets a good yield, for if one crop fails he has another to rely on. Legumes restore soil moisture and adds fertility and nitrogen to the soil. Then when a small grain crop is raised there is enough material necessary for its growth so that there is a good yield.

Contour farming is a very economical method of farming because it does three things: it saves the tractor power, produces higher yields, and conserves soil, water, seed, and fertilizer. Contour farming is level rows that go around a hill. It forms ridges that prevents rapid run-off. By doing this the soil is not carried away and hardly ever does it need to be replanted.

Strip cropping serves a dual purpose because it is suited especially to control both water and wind erosion, and it is adaptable to crop rotation. It is a method of planting small grain crops in

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BARBARA WALKER



Student in the eighth grade of the Weeping Water school, whose essay in the Cass County Soil Conservation district contest was awarded the fourth place. Marguerite Dall Finney is the teacher of this prize winner.

things: it allows pasture plants to restore plant food in the fall, start normal growth in the spring, permits reseeding, and allows young plants to become established. All this helps to save the soil by keeping a grass cover on it.

Gully control should be practiced because the gully causes much soil erosion and makes farmland very bad for farming. Fields that are ruined by gullies should be planted to grass and the water in the gully should be diverted by a diversion ditch, or the gully should be stopped by building dams, filled up with straw, or planted to trees or shrubs. Practices of this type stops the growth of a gully and catches the soil on which plants can grow. When the growth of a gully has been stopped and it is filled, it can be planted to other crops. Methods should be used so that water can be held back in the fields, and to prevent the gully from being washed out again.

Using phosphate fertilizer or other kinds of fertilizer on sour soil, crops can be raised. The barnyard manure and the green manuring which is plowing leguminous plants and grasses under the surface, adds nitrogen to the soil. Both manure and chemical fertilizer increase higher crop yields. They produce large roots that hold the topsoil down.

The construction of farm ponds, and drainage ways to take the surplus water from fields and pastures is a useful means of conservation. The farm ponds are used to furnish water for livestock and to catch the run-off water which usually has some soil in it. The soil is then collected in the pond. The pond will be filled in a short time with this soil. When water stands on the soil for a long time, it becomes sour and it is hard to raise any sort of plants on sour soil. By using drainage ways the surplus water can be carried off and crops can be raised on the land.

By using one or more of these conservation methods, soil conservation can be carried on economically and successfully. The farmers will get a higher yield and make more profit by using the methods.

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