

MADISON COUNTY
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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In 1989 the District continued to direct its efforts toward the provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act. One such provision required that participants in Federally funded farm programs have a conservation farm plan developed by Dec. 31, 1989 on lands classified as upland cropland or lose certain government benefits. A large part of the staff's time was utilized preparing conservation farm plans before the December deadline. To help process the paper work generated by FSA, the district obtained the part-time services of Roxanne Wages and Sharon Williams.

In conjunction with the 1985 Farm Bill, our staff evaluated approximately 25 farms for CRP eligibility during the two CRP sign-ups periods in 1989. The process resulted in 1,147 acres being placed in the Conservation Reserve Program. Although the District devoted considerable time to various aspects of the Farm Bill, the staff managed to stay active in other projects.

During 1989 the District received and serviced over one hundred ACP referrals, including requests for terraces, waterways, grade structures, stripcropping, and pasture planting. In addition to ACP practices, the District supervised in the construction and completion of two water and sediment retention structures for the Obion Forked Deer River Basin Authority.

The District received over seven thousand dollars from the federal government for implementing conservation practices on the land in the Cypress Creek Watershed of Madison County. The funds helped to finance the construction of grade structures, waterways, and terraces in the area.

In November the District held its annual awards banquet. Receiving awards in recognition of their cooperation with the District were Sylvester Hill and Dennis Collins. The Northside FFA soil judging team was recognized as the top high school soil judging team in the county. The guests and honorees were served a catered meal and John Bradley, superintendent of the Milan Experiment Station, gave a presentation on no-till cotton production.


FRANKLIN JAMES
CHAIRMAN

NOTE: Benton James, District Technician & Maxine Blankenship, District Secretary.