

Soil conservation, Morton County, Kansas

This farmland is located one mile south of Wilburton in Morton County, Kansas. During the dust bowl, this land suffered severe erosion. In 1935 the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service today) planted sorghum as a cover crop. Sorghum produced very good ground cover by 1938. The photographer took a second picture on this day from this location, but from the opposite direction (Kansas Memory item 313528). In stark contrast, erosion has clearly devastated the untreated land just a few feet away.

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1 mi. S of Wilburton, Kansas.

Land purchased in 1935. Planted to sorghum, producing a very good cover. Soil type, sandy loam. Moisture 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Graindrilled. See Kan-539, a contrast. This land was in practical the same condition as before having been purchased and treated by SCS, L.U. Unit. Photo by: McLean.

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