

THE LIFE CYCLES OF FARMLAND TERRACES
IN SELECTED IOWA AND ILLINOIS COUNTIES

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ABSTRACT

This study examines farm terraces in four Iowa and Illinois counties to determine if they are permanent features on the landscape

as to their existence in terraces. Field notes show that the

that direct relationships do not exist between the variables contained in the second, third, and fourth hypotheses and terrace abandonment.

This study further revealed that the density of terraces in a county in some cases has an influence on terrace abandonment within the county. Further, there is some evidence that location of terraces relative to agricultural subregion and local agricultural

offices may have an influence on terrace adoption and abandonment. Such tentative conclusions suggest that the