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Brown to lead Iowa's SCS

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service has chosen Leroy Brown, deputy state conservationist for Iowa, to lead the state office. He will replace Jeff Vonk, who has taken a post as deputy chief for programs for the SCS in Washington, D.C.

Brown becomes only the sixth SCS state conservationist in the history of the agency in Iowa.

A native of Oklahoma, Brown worked in several locations in that state before becoming a district conservationist in Hugo, Okla. He also worked in Missouri as an area conservationist and later as state resource conservationist. He was assistant state conservationist for operations in Arkansas before coming to Iowa.



Leroy Brown
State conservationist

Since coming to Iowa, Brown has worked to bring farmers, commodity organizations, environmental groups, federal and state agencies and the SCS together to cut soil losses.