

POWESHIEK COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOIL SURVEY BOOKS RELEASED SOON

The Poweshiek County published soil survey will soon be released. A series of public meetings will be held around the county sponsored jointly by the Soil Conservation Service and the County Extension Service. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

July 13th at 9:30 A.M.	Searsboro School
1:00 P.M.	Malcom Auditorium
July 14th at 9:30 A.M.	Farm Bureau Building (Brooklyn)
1:00 P.M.	Extension Office (Montezuma)
July 15th at 9:30 A.M.	Chester Church
1:00 P.M.	Farm Service Building (Grinnell)

The final report includes soils maps of the entire county along with valuable soil description and interpretation material. The books are free, but quantities are limited. Each book is valued at about \$300.

For more information contact the Soil Conservation District Office or the County Extension Office in Montezuma.

COST-SHARE FUNDS AVAILABLE

State cost-share funds will again be available for permanent soil conservation practices beginning this July. At this time the same amount of funds are expected as were received in the district last year. Cost-share is available for 50% of the estimated cost or the actual cost of the work, whichever is the lesser of the two. The following practices are eligible for cost-share in the order of the priority given by the District:

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| 1. Terraces | 5. Permanent Seedings |
| 2. Water and Sediment Control Basins | 6. Grass Waterways |
| 3. Diversions | 7. Critical Area Plantings |
| 4. Grade Stabilization Structures | 8. Tree Plantings |

Persons interested in applying for assistance should contact the District Office soon to enable the staff to make preliminary plans and cost estimates.

POWESHIEK COUNTY NO-TILL REPORT

1. 33 farmers from all over the county used the no-till planters available through the District on approximately 800 acres.
2. Approximately 600 acres received cost-share payment at the rate of \$10 per acre through the Soil District and approximately 1600 acres received cost-share through the ASCS program.
3. Across the county there was approximately 5000 acres planted to no-till.
4. A county-wide NO-TILL TOUR has been scheduled for July 21, 1982 in cooperation with the County Extension Service. Details will be announced later.

1982 DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

Listed below are the contributions received to date in the local office. Donations can be made at any time to the local Soil Conservation District. Thank you to those who have been faithful to the cause of conserving our natural resources.

Melvin Hohl	Chester Freshour	Leland G. Grattan
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Grinnell State Bank	Poweshiek Co. Savings Bank	

CONSERVATION DISPLAY AVAILABLE

The Poweshiek County S.C.D., assisted by the Montezuma FFA Chapter, has constructed a soil and water conservation display. The display consists of models of 2 farms—one with good conservation practices and one with uncontrolled erosion. The display has lighting, thunder and rain which enables one to observe water flowing over the topography of each of the models. The display will be available for use at fairs, open houses, or by service oriented groups desiring a soil conservation display. Interested parties may contact the S.C.D. office for further information.

1982 SOIL CONSERVATION ESSAY CONTEST

This year's essay contest topic is: HOW SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AFFECTS OUR FUTURE. It is open to all students who are residents of the Poweshiek Soil Conservation District. Again this year there will be Junior and Senior Divisions. The district contest winners will be eligible for regional and state contest competition that includes monetary prizes. The District contest deadline is September 30. Please contact the Poweshiek Soil Conservation District for further information.

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