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SOIL CONSERVATION FOLDERS FOR FARMERS IN BACKBONE WATERSHED

Farmers in the western portion of Backbone Watershed in Delaware County are invited to a Iowa Soil 2000 Conservation Folder Distribution Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to distribute Iowa Soil 2000 Conservation Folders which assist the farmer in predicting soil losses and suggests soil conservation practices needed to control soil erosion.

Soil Conservation Personnel will be available, Tuesday, January 15, 1985 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dundee to distribute the folders to farmers. Farmers are invited to stop at the church anytime between 10:00 and 3:00 to pick up their folders. In case of severe weather an alternate date of January 17th will be used, this will be announced on KOEL Radio, Oelwein.

According to Marv Colander, Chairman, Delaware County Soil Conservation District, this area was selected to make farmers aware of potential erosion problems of the area and what can be done to solve them.

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Iowa Soil 2000 Meetings have been held or planned for all of Delaware, Buchanan, Clayton, and Fayette Districts in a joint effort to provide erosion control assistance to farmers in the Backbone Watershed.

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If you would like any information on the Iowa Soil 2000 Program, please call the Manchester SCS office at 927-4590.

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