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Benton farmers advice sought for water quality plan

TIMESNEWS—Bill Meigs, chairman of the Benton County Resource Coordinating Committee says the committee is preparing to mail a survey seeking farmer's advice on soil conservation and water quality.

Currently, the committee is aiding in the preparation of a plan mandated by the 1972 Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments. This plan is being done to improve water quality in the nation's

rivers. In Iowa and Benton County, this means the control of soil erosion and agricultural runoff, nonpoint pollution, as well as industrial and municipal waste discharges, and point pollution. The committee hopes to aid in the development of a plan that does this job, while causing a minimum of hardships.

Meigs said 70 surveys will be mailed in Benton County. The individuals to whom the survey are being sent are to be ran-

domly selected from a list of landowners and operators within the county. There will be no personal identification of individuals participating.

Meigs has requested that people who receive these surveys complete and return them. The Benton County Resource Coordinating Committee will use this information to advise the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation throughout the water quality planning process.