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Start FSA Plans Now

Now is the time to start applying your conservation plan written to remain eligible for USDA programs. Read your plan to check the dates when practices must be installed. Don't wait until the due date to start all work, especially if it means starting a new practice or doing very much of one. You may not be able to do all of it in one year.

SCS will not have more staff to help apply all the conservation work planned by farmers in their 1985 Farm Bill plans. Lack of help is not an excuse to not doing the work on schedule. Many practices will need to be applied without SCS help. Following the FSA plan schedule is important to remaining eligible for USDA program benefits.

If you have a new conservation practice to apply in the future such as contouring, conservation tillage (including no-till), or field border planting, plan on trying some of that practice this year and next. Learn how to apply it and use it so you feel comfortable with it by the time it is needed in your conservation compliance plan. You will likely be able to get help from SCS and can learn how to fit the practice(s) to your farm.

Applying your conservation plan according to the practices, dates and specifications in it will keep you eligible for USDA program benefits.

FOR SALE

Area Scales	\$2.00 each
Marking Flags:	
Fluorescent red	\$8.00/hundred
Hand Levels	\$13.00 each

FOR RENT

Measuring Wheel	\$5.00 per day
Measure your ACR acres, field borders, waterways, tile lines, etc.	
Contour Gauge	\$30.00
Unless damaged, your check will be returned when you return the gauge.	

REAP FUNDS AVAILABLE

Cost-share funds for REAP (Water Quality Protection Practices) are now available through the Poweshiek County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Forestry and Native Vegetation practices include Tree Planting, Timber Stand Improvement, Windbreaks and Native Vegetation Establishment.

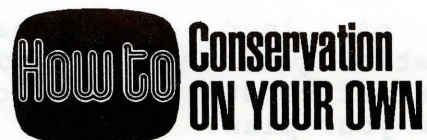
Land Treatment Practices (Land Use Conversion) are Critical Area Planting, Field Borders, Filter Strips, Contour Strip Cropping and Pasture and Hayland Planting.

For most of these practices, the cost-share rate is equal to 75% of the cost. The owner agrees that these practices will be maintained for a 20 year period.

Traditional erosion control practices include grass waterways, grade stabilization structures, terraces, sediment control basins, diversions and animal waste systems.

To be eligible for cost-sharing, these practices must be in a priority watershed or in a priority water quality problem area, which require approval by the State Soil Conservation Committee.

For more specific information of the REAP fund, contact the Poweshiek County SWCD in Malcom. We are taking applications now.

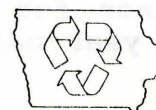


You may borrow the free video at the following sites:

Soil Conservation Office
Extension Office
Farm Bureau Office, Brooklyn
Vo-Ag Department at Montezuma and Grinnell schools

Each tape may be borrowed for a day or two at no charge.

Farmers are urged to take advantage of this service to better understand the soil conservation practices they are putting on their land.



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1989 Annual Report



Conservation Work Accomplishments

(October 1988 to September 1989)

Individuals and Groups	
Assisted	2,259 No.
Individuals and Group	
Applying Practices	502 No.
Contour Farming	485 Ac.
Grade Stabilization	
Structures	4 No.
Terraces	33,430 Ft.
Water & Sediment Control	
Basins	39 No.
Cropland Benefited by	
Application of Conser-	
vation Practices	1,490 Ac.
Wildlife Land Adequately	
Protected	13,940 Ac.
Conservation Plans	147,608 Ac.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY STATE OF IOWA 1989-90 FISCAL YEAR

1-M BUDGET	\$3,400.00
Commissioner's mileage,	
meals, motel	\$1,134.95
Office Supplies	\$127.82
Total Expended	\$1,262.77
Ending Balance:	\$2,137.23
3-M BUDGET (State Cost-	
share Funds)	\$46,231.25
Total Expended	\$34,242.17
Obligated	\$3,895.75
Ending Balance:	\$8,093.33
REAP Funds	\$13,095.00
Obligated	\$5,390.00
Ending Balance:	\$7,705.00

SELLING YOUR FARM?

Periodically visitors to our office request to look at the conservation plan on a farm that is for sale. We are not allowed to show the plan to anyone other than the owner or operator, unless we have the owner's permission.

If you are planning to sell a parcel of land that has a conservation plan, you should contact our office stating that others may view your plan.

Field Checklist for Maintaining Terraces

Sediment from soil erosion above a terrace will move into the terrace channel, which reduces the amount of water the terrace can hold during a heavy rain. The sediment can also create ponds of water in the terrace channel.

Conservation practices, such as crop rotations and conservation tillage, will prevent soil erosion above and between the terraces. When terraces are designed there is a built in allowance for sedimentation over the 20 year maintenance period.

CONSERVATION PLAN REVISIONS

Those landowners and/or operators who developed their FSA conservation plans prior to the first week in August, 1988 may want to review the conservation alternatives available to them.

After that date, liberalized factors were permitted in the planning process. On a number of Highly Erodible Land (HEL) soils, use of the new factors could result in a more intensive cropping system.

Those interested in reviewing their plan in reference to the new factors may contact the SCS office in Malcom for an appointment.

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