

Course set for soil conservation members

The 41st annual short course for soil conservation district commissioners will be January 21-22 at Iowa State University's Scheman Continuing Education Building, according to Gaylord Elliott, county extension director.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 21, at 8 a.m. followed at 9:40 a.m. by "New Harvest," a multi-image slide presentation describing the diversity and magnitude of career opportunities in the food and agricultural sciences at Iowa State University. Other morning programs include cost containment strategies for crop production, and overview of alternative agriculture, what is normal weather and small grain production in Iowa.

Afternoon sessions include discussion on working relationships among soil conservation agencies,

an outlook for soil and water conservation, coping with farm stress and changing attitudes and lifestyles in Iowa agriculture.

The annual banquet will be at 6 p.m. in the ISU Memorial Union Great Hall. George Thomson, ISU forestry professor, will present the address, "The Prairie Grove Revisited."

Preceding the morning sessions on Wednesday, January 22, will be a breakfast meeting at 6:30 a.m. for chairpersons (or designees) of the soil conservation districts.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. topics will cover cropping systems in southeast Iowa, tillage research, nitrogen management for peak efficiency, erosion-productivity investigations, evaluating the paraplow and establishing wildlife habitats on the farm.

Afternoon session will cover a youth conservation leadership program, a panel discussion on conservation education in soil conservation districts, an Iowa 2000 program report and what's ahead for the SCS in Iowa.

For more information about the conference or to register, contact Pam Easterling, Office of Continuing Education, 102 Scheman Building, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011; phone (515) 294-6222.

Registration is \$13 for soil conservation district commissioners and assistant commissioners and \$8 for other participants. Banquet tickets are \$10.50. A breakfast meal ticket for January 22 is \$5.25 and a noon meal ticket for that day is \$7. Make checks payable to Iowa State University.