

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF
EXTENSION SOIL CONSERVATIONISTS

Iowa

The purpose of this statement is to define the duties, responsibilities and relationships of the Extension Soil Conservationists in assisting in carrying out a Soil Conservation Program in the state.

Two phases of work are involved--namely, (1) education, (2) technical planning and operation or execution of plans on the land. The Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service have the primary responsibility for this program. Under a memorandum of understanding between the Iowa Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service, the Extension Service is responsible for the educational phases of the program. The Soil Conservation Service as an action agency is to provide technical and material assistance in the conservation and proper use of soil and water resources.

Under this memorandum of understanding, Extension Soil Conservationists are employed jointly by the two services. These Extension Soil Conservationists are administratively responsible to the Extension Director and take the leadership in developing and carrying out an educational program in soil conservation.

In carrying out this responsibility the Extension Soil Conservationist will:

1. Assist the County Extension Directors and the District Extension Supervisors in:
 - A. Informing farm people of the provisions of the State Soil Conservation district law and in assisting them in the educational work in connection with the organization and functioning of soil conservation districts.
 - B. Assisting the district governing bodies having organized districts in program planning and in carrying on educational programs as set forth in the district plan of work.
2. To cooperate with Extension Service personnel in:
 - A. Correlating the work of subject matter departments contributing to the soil conservation program.
 - B. Developing and carrying out of leader training programs for farm leaders, Extension and Soil Conservation Service personnel and personnel of other agencies.
 - C. Preparing bulletins, teaching materials and other information on subjects relating to soil conservation.
3. To cooperate with the Soil Conservation Service:
 - A. With the State Conservationists in arranging for training schools, subject matter information and specialist help.
 - B. With work groups and work units in educational techniques, group planning procedures and use of subject matter material.

The Extension Soil Conservationists are responsible to the subject matter departments of the college for technical information used in developing and carrying out of a correlated educational program. Also he may assist in subject matter fields by assignment from the Director of Extension. While such assistance is being given he will be under the supervision of the Extension subject matter section or sections involved.