

HOW THE EXTENSION SERVICE CAN AND DOES COOPERATE WITH THE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE IN DEVELOPING A SOIL
CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR IOWA

In order to further the soil conservation program in Iowa, the following recommendations are made as to the cooperation of the Extension Service with the Soil Conservation Service in developing the Iowa soil conservation program.

A. The Extension Service on the state level plans to:

1. Arrange annual conferences between department heads and staff members of the college and SCS officials to discuss the soil conservation problems of farmers and develop a better understanding of mutual problems in carrying out an effective soil conservation program within the state.

Arrange other conferences between college subject matter departments and area and regional staff members to be held as needed.

2. Study problems on farms to determine the relative effectiveness of various measures that have been applied to these farms. This is to be done through farm visits, demonstration observations, tours and meetings, in cooperation with college departments, the Advisory committee, the Works committee, and Soil Conservation Service.

3. Assist the Agricultural Experiment Station by:

(a) Making recommendations as to special conservation studies needed.

(Copies of such recommendations to be available to soil conservation works committee)

(b) Cooperating in a study of the effects of soil conservation programs on farms of various income levels.

(c) Reviewing and making suggestions relative to studies and surveys proposed by the Soil Conservation Service.

(d) Cooperating in a study of the factors that retard the application of soil conservation to the land.

(e) Making available to the Soil Conservation Service surveys and studies which have been computed by the Experiment Station.

(f) Developing and reviewing recommendations of subject matter dealing with soil conservation.

4. Assist in developing a training program for SCS staffs on subject matter and methods through state, district and work unit conferences. Requests from Soil Conservation Service staff for such training assistance should be made in writing to the Director of Extension, with a carbon copy to the Extension soil conservationist.

(a) State conference - an annual two weeks' training course for selected technicians may be held when sufficient interest is indicated.

(b) District and work unit conferences may be held for (1) all technicians or (2) selected technicians who will act as "leader trainers."

Extension soil conservationist with the assistance of the district extension agents will cooperate with State Soil Conservation Service coordinator in arranging for district meetings. County agents should participate in all work unit conferences held within his county.

5. Cooperate with SCS in conducting a limited number of meetings with farmer groups in SCS work units to assist in training technicians and to develop suitable subject matter material and effective methods of its presentation. All requests for these cooperative meetings with farmers shall come through the county agent.

6. Give priority in soil conservation demonstration meetings with farmer groups to counties not serviced by SCS technicians.
7. Approve and organize such educational meetings as should be held by SCS technicians in areas not serviced by an SCS work unit.
8. Assist field agents by keeping them informed as to the state soil conservation program, its objectives, content, procedures and developments, and currently informed on soil conservation subject matter through training schools and by other means.
9. Accept responsibility in cooperation with the SCS for arranging and conducting educational meetings relative to soil conservation with the personnel of other governmental agencies.
10. Cooperate with the SCS in disseminating press and radio releases of factual information. On a state level, subject matter departments involved will check all such material.
11. Accept the responsibilities delegated to Extension Service in the Soil Conservation Districts Act in educational activities within soil conservation districts.

B. Extension Service on the County Level plans to:

1. Participate in inter-county meetings with the SCS personnel where mutual problems are discussed.
2. Bring about a better understanding of the soil conservation problems through the work of the county land-use planning committee. It is expected that these committees will suggest means for contributing to the solution of these problems.
3. Develop and maintain county-wide leadership committees or associations responsible for a county soil conservation program.
4. Assume the responsibility for keeping leaders in educational and action programs in the county informed as to the soil conservation program, its objectives, content, procedures and developments.
5. Direct all educational work in the county as follows:
 - (a) Conduct or arrange for educational meetings on soil conservation.
 - (b) Set up method and result demonstrations.
 - (c) Conduct tours to show results.
6. Provide available bulletins and other technical information for SCS technicians and farmers.
7. Arrange for the preparation, writing and handling of publicity and radio releases.
8. Arrange for and assist in planning and laying out cooperative extension farm demonstrations.
9. Develop plans with SCS personnel for use of extension specialists who can contribute to the county soil conservation program when said specialists are in the county. When county agent books such specialists he should include time for these conferences.
10. Cooperate with the district governing body in:
 - (a) Advising with them in the development of the district program and work plan.
 - (b) Carrying out the district educational program as set forth in the work plan.
 - (c) Requesting such specialist help as may be of assistance to the district governing body and their program.

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