

159.8 Comprehensive management plan highly erodible acres.

The department shall request cooperation from the federal government, including the United States department of agriculture consolidated farm service agency and the United States department of agriculture natural resources conservation service, to investigate methods to preserve land which is highly erodible, as provided in the federal Food Security Act of 1985, 16 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., for the purpose of developing with owners of the land a comprehensive management plan for the land. The plan may be based on the soil conservation plan of the natural resources conservation service and may include a farm unit conservation plan and a comprehensive agreement as provided in chapter 161A. The extension services at Iowa state university of science and technology shall cooperate with the department in developing the comprehensive plan.

The investigation shall include methods which help to preserve highly erodible land from row crop production through production of alternative commodities, and financial incentives. The department shall report to the governor and the general assembly not later than January 15, 1990, of the department's progress in the investigation. The department shall report to the governor and the general assembly not later than January 15, 1991, on the department's recommendation for programs necessary to preserve highly erodible land from injury or destruction.

89 Acts, ch 188, §1; 95 Acts, ch 216, § 25