

Soil Conservation - *James B. Gulliford, director, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-6146*

The Division of Soil Conservation is responsible for state leadership in the areas of soil, water and mineral resource management. The division's mission includes setting the state's priorities, formulating and implementing programs, and establishing policies for protecting and preserving these natural resources in Iowa. The division provides assistance and support to Iowa's 100 soil and water conservation districts. It carries out programs for licensing mineral extraction, coal mining regulation and mined land reclamation.

The division provides financial incentive programs to assist farmers with the installation of soil and water conservation practices, livestock waste management systems and water quality protection practices. The division administers the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP), Water Quality Protection Project program that supports local watershed projects to protect priority water resources, including municipal water supply reservoirs, trout streams and public lakes.

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The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine was created in 1900 when the first Veterinary Practice Act became effective. The five-member board has three members who are licensed veterinarians and two members who represent the public. The state veterinarian serves as the board's secretary.

The board offers examinations in April and December to qualified applicants to determine their personal and professional qualifications to practice veterinary medicine in Iowa. The board sets the standards for certification of veterinary assistants, and may conduct investigations, hold hearings, and take disciplinary action in matters involving the practice of veterinary medicine.

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