

Programs to reduce or eliminate groundwater contamination associated with the use of agricultural practices or with naturally occurring environmental threats are initiated by the Division of Soil Conservation to ensure the quality of Iowa soil and water for everyone.

The division assists in the administration of an Integrated Farm Management Demonstration Project in every county with other state and federal agencies. It is a program designed to help farmers utilize fuel, chemicals, fertilizers and animal manure more efficiently, while maintaining profitability.

As a part of the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987, the division conducts an Agricultural Drainage Well Research and Demonstration Project and the Sinkhole/Karst Demonstration Program.

Policies for the division are established by the State Soil Conservation Committee.

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Veterinary Medicine, Iowa Board of

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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 who represent the public. The state veterinarian serves as the board's secretary and handles administrative matters.

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

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The Department for the Blind, created in 1925, works with Iowans who are blind in support of their rights and aspirations to participate fully, productively and equally as first-class citizens within society. The department offers a variety of services. Its divisions and/or functions are: orientation and adjustment center, vocational and independent living rehabilitation, library for the blind and physically handicapped, business enterprises, special tools, devices and aids, registry of the blind, and public education and information about blindness.

The orientation and adjustment center is a residential training program for blind adults. Blind persons, especially newly blinded individuals, come to learn the techniques and skills of blindness, and, more importantly to develop positive attitudes about themselves as human beings who happen to be blind. Typical skills taught are travel with the "long white cane," communications such as Braille and keyboarding skills, cooking, sewing, and other homemaking skills, uses of technology and industrial arts.