

THE 1955 PLAN OF WORK  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

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## II DESCRIPTION OF COUNTY

Gloucester County is located in the Tidewater area bordered on the northeast by the Piankatank River and Middlesex County, on the Northwest by the Poropotank Creek, King & Queen County, on the Southwest and South by the York River and on the East by the Severn, Ware and North Rivers which empty into the Mobjack Bay. Mathews County also borders Gloucester on the East by land from the head of North River across to the Piankatank River.

The County has an area of 223 square miles and the number of white farm operators is 565, however, the total families in the County exceed 2500. Many of the smaller part-time farmers located in the lower sections of the County near the rivers find employment in Navy, Army and Air Force installations, or shipyard or other industries located in the Newport News peninsula area.

The number of full-time farmers has increased as farmers have rented additional land wherever possible to make it practical to operate the different types of farm equipment. However, in a few cases, farmers are renting practically all the land which creates a problem as these farmers do not give proper attention to the improvement of the land and at the same time some of the land is not too fertile and crop yields are low. Many farmers who have become heavily mechanized with farm machinery continue to rent additional land whenever it is available. The leading crops produced in the County are soybeans and corn, with poultry leading under the livestock phase. Hog numbers have increased and more interest is being indicated in the feeding of beef cattle for market.

Farmers generally are prepared with spray equipment to control weeds in corn, however, more attention will be given this year to the control of soil-inhabiting insects affecting corn and other crops. With excellent results obtained last year, because of the planting of corn earlier by some farmers, it is expected that most of the corn may be planted during April, with much of it in the early part of April using an early to medium maturing variety. More attention is being given to the seeding of oats for feed, and also lespedeza for hay, to help offset the effects of a possible drought. Farmers are becoming more interested in the seeding of alfalfa. More interest is being developed in marketing of eggs and daffodils, also livestock.

Because of the drought during the last three years, especially in 1954, a number of farmers were left with machinery, fertilizer and other payments unpaid. However, it appears that farmers are taking every opportunity of plowing early in preparation for the planting of spring oats, corn and soybeans with a normal acreage to meet obligations, normal expenses, and to make more profit with good farm management practices.

## III EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

The sponsoring body for the Extension Program in the County is the County Board of Agriculture including membership of the different commodity committees used in carrying out the different phases of the 5-year County long-time Agricultural objectives.

The County is divided in 8 agricultural communities which are divided into neighborhoods with agricultural committeemen in each. The 2 Community Improvement Clubs are organized to assist in carrying out the agricultural program in the County.

To develop the County Extension Plan of work for 1955, the following procedure was followed:

- a. Goals:
- (1) Reorganize the Commodity Committees and Agricultural Associations.
  - (2) Reorganize the County Board of Agriculture.
  - (3) Assist in reorganizing two Community Improvement Clubs and organize one new Club.
  - (4) County Board of Agriculture select 7 objectives from the 5-year long-time objectives for emphasis in 1955. These include:
    1. Seed 100 acres of alfalfa.
    2. Pasture development - 1000 acres.
    3. 90% of cropland in winter cover crops.
    4. Increase yields and quality of corn, small grain and soybeans.
    5. Open ditch drainage - 1000 acres.
    6. Feeding of Steers for Market.
    7. Forestry - Improve 100 acres - Adults  
25 acres - Juniors.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Use census data showing trends in the agriculture in the County.
- (2) Hold County Board meetings.
- (3) Arrange annual meeting of County Board of Agriculture and give reports by commodity committees of objectives accomplished.
- (4) Assist the different commodity committees in arranging meetings to plan the program of work for the year.
- (5) Obtain assistance of specialists.
- (6) Assist the leaders in selecting new neighborhood leaders to replace the inactive.
- (7) Letters will be written to neighborhood leaders and board members and others, also news articles written and meetings held in furthering the objectives. Farm and office visits will be used for this purpose.

c. General Educational Activities:

- (1) News articles will be written weekly to promote accomplishment of the objectives.
- (2) Slides will be made of the different projects and used as an additional feature with meetings.

#### IV CROP PRODUCTION

#### A. AGRONOMY:

Producers are changing somewhat their practices in crop production such as the use of early maturing varieties of corn, planting earlier, insect and weed control. In soybean production, the trend is to use earlier maturing varieties, with yields comparable to the later maturing varieties. More attention is given to the production of hay, especially with the use of alfalfa. The control of soil-inhabiting insects affecting corn remains one of the major problems, and this has been included in the objectives for 1955.

The Agronomy Objectives for 1955 as set up by members of the Agronomy Committee and the County Board of Agriculture include:

1. Alfalfa:

- a. The County Board of Agriculture set as a County goal - 500 A. of alfalfa seeded by 1957. This was one of the leading objectives under Agronomy as more hay is needed to take care of the increase in livestock numbers, and also to offset a possible drought.

b. Methods to be used:

- (1) Conduct an alfalfa demonstration in each magisterial district using the Williamsburg variety of seed.  
T. L. Benson - Ware Neck  
Sherwood Farm - Abingdon  
Charles Bristow - Petsworth

The seedings to be made in August or early September

- (a) Visit at least one of the demonstrations during the County Agronomy Tour in August
- (2) Encourage farmers through circular letters and news articles, also meetings and individual contacts to top dress alfalfa using the recommended fertilizer with high analysis with boron included.

2. Corn Production:

- a. Goal: Increase yields and quality

b. Methods to be Used:

- (1) Conduct a demonstration on the control of insects.  
W. D. Weaver  
T. L. Benson  
Sam Janney  
Morris Thrift  
Charles Bristow
- (2) Conduct demonstrations on corn maturity and varieties.  
Charles Bristow  
Everett Rich  
Sam Janney

Furnish neighborhood leaders with list of recommended varieties of corn.

Assist growers in obtaining the seed for the demonstrations. Visit at least one of the insect and varietal demonstrations during the County Agronomy Tour in August.

- (3) Conduct a demonstration on seeding corn in rows 40" - 80" width using same amount of corn per acre.  
Henry Teagle  
William Whitecotton

- (4) Continue the 100 Bushel Corn Club
  - (a) Reorganize and hold at least two business meetings at which time show films relating to the production of corn.
  - (b) Present Corn Club Certificates at the end of the year with the assistance of specialists.
  - (c) Furnish farmers information on recommended practices for production of at least 100 bushels of corn per acre.
- (5) Furnish neighborhood leaders, members of the County Board of Agriculture and fertilizer dealers with a leaflet entitled, "Fertilizer Recommendations for 1955".
- (6) Encourage spraying of corn and other crops to control weeds.
- (7) Encourage farmers to participate in the program through the use of circular letters, individual letters, farm and office visits, news articles and local seed dealers in the County.

3. Pasture:

The Agronomy Committee included pasture development of 1000 acres as the goal in 1955 which indicates that there is much need for seeding of new pastures and improving and maintaining the ladino tall-grass pastures. The production of pasture and forage crops for a 12 month feeding period continues to be a problem for many of the farmers in the County. Much improvement can be made in this direction. Better pasture management is needed, with emphasis on rotational grazing.

- (1) Continue the County Pasture Club and suggest a pasture contest.
- (2) Promote the seeding of ladino clover tall grass pastures and other grass legume pastures and renovating of pastures when needed. Encourage the use of more orchard grass and lespedeza especially on beef cattle farms for both pasture and hay.
- (3) Continue the three pasture fertilizer demonstrations with the cooperation of the Plant Food Institute of Virginia and North Carolina.  
Fred Corr  
John L. Walker  
Horace Walton
- (4) Emphasize a 12 month's feeding program for livestock producers.
  - a. attend Middleburg Pasture School with Dairymen.
  - b. Conduct a trip for all types of livestock producers to visit Middleburg Research Station in May or June.
- (5) Conduct a demonstration on utilizing the forage from hay crops and pasture. Visit during Agency Tour in August.  
Robert Hutcheson
- (6) Advise farmers through news articles, circular letters, individual letters, farm and office visits, and information on seeding and developing pastures with leaflets.

- (7) Assist the Agronomy Committee in arranging and conducting the annual agronomy tour in August.

#### 4. Soybeans:

One of the long-time Agricultural Objectives is to increase the yield and quality of soybeans and this is also one of the objectives for emphasis this year. To carry out this objective the Agronomy Committee members selected the following demonstrations with the growers as indicated.

##### a. Methods to be Used:

- (1) Conduct varietal demonstrations.  
Sam Janney  
T. L. Benson  
Henry Teagle  
Charles Bristow
- (2) Conduct demonstration on weed control.  
Sam Janney  
W. D. Weaver  
George M. Walker
- (3) Conduct demonstration on the use of lime and potash  
Sam Janney  
T. L. Benson  
W. D. Weaver

Assist the demonstrators in obtaining the seed or materials for the demonstration in co-operation with the members of the Agronomy Committee and work with the members in assigning them to definite demonstrations for their explanation at the Annual Agronomy Tour when such demonstrations are visited in August.

- (4) Advise growers of the recommended practices for the production of soybeans.
- (5) Reorganize the soybean production club in connection with the 100 bushel corn and pasture clubs.

##### b. General Educational Activities:

- (1) To promote the accomplishment of these objectives, prepare news articles for the local press, obtain the assistance of specialists, use circular letters, and farm tours.

#### 5. Small Grain:

To increase the yield and improve the quality of small grains which is also an annual objective adopted by the County Board of Agriculture, for emphasis in 1955. The production of wheat for market is being discouraged because of low yields which are obtained in many cases. However the production of oats and barley is stressed. The objectives set up by the Agronomy Committee include:

- (1) Use recommended varieties
- (2) Increase yields and quality of small grain.

(a) Methods to be Used:

- (1) Small grain program on late winter (January 15 to March 1) seeding of oats using an adapted winter variety.  
Program on use of adequate quantities of plant food to stimulate heavy growth and high grain yields.  
Program on nitrogen top-dressing of small grain in January and February with emphasis on increasing available feed supply in spring and early summer.  
Publicize location of good small grain crops in the County.  
Conduct a demonstration using newer varieties:  
Wheat - Seneca  
Rye - Registered Abruzzi - Sam Janney  
Oats - Fulgrain

B. HORTICULTURE:

1. Fruits and Vegetables

- a. Goal: Encourage farmers to plant more small fruits for home use, home freezing and some for commercial sale, especially strawberries. Farmers can have an all year around garden, however, there is a need for more gardens throughout the County, including more different and newer vegetables.

b. Home Garden:

- (a) Goal: Urge rural people to have well balance garden both summer and winter and increase number of gardens.

(b) Methods to be Used:

- (1) Hold a county garden meeting in January.
- (2) Obtain assistance of specialist.
- (3) Discuss home gardening at h-h Club meetings.
- (4) Distribute monthly the Garden Suggestions.
- (5) Discuss with Community Improvement Clubs gardening methods.
- (6) Furnish farmers information on such practices as spraying, pruning, disease and insect control for fruits.

c. General Educational Activities:

- (1) Furnish information to rural people through news articles in the local press, letters, farm visits, and meetings with special emphasis on materials used for control of insects and diseases.

C. COMMERCIAL BULBS:

- a. Goal: Work with the local flower growers' association in carrying out the objectives and program of the association, including improved marketing practices through official grades. More interest is being taken by growers in the marketing and grading of daffodils.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Cooperate with the Virginia Division of Markets with their work of inspection of cut flowers for market and encourage more flower growers to participate in this program.

D. LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION:

The five year long-time objectives call for an increase in all kinds of livestock with the following number by 1957: Dairy Cattle - 1500, Beef Cattle - 2000, Hogs - 2000, Sheep - 1500, Poultry - 100,000 and Turkeys - 3000. More emphasis is being given to the feeding of steers for market which is one of the objectives adopted by the County Board of Agriculture for emphasis this year.

1. Poultry:

The three hatcheries which operate in the County, under the supervision of the State Division of Markets, furnish chicks of high quality to poultrymen. Consequently there has been no serious outbreak of poultry diseases in the County. To accomplish the increase in number of poultry, it is necessary to continue a sound poultry program for the County in cooperation with the County Poultry Committee which continues to function as a very active Commodity Committee. Poultry is the leading source of income under livestock. An effort is being made to provide poultrymen with a new and improved marketing source within the County.

a. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Assist the Gloucester County Poultry Committee in working with other counties in the area and in setting up county poultry recommendations for 1955 and reorganizing.
- (2) Assist the Committee in working and carrying out on poultry farms eighteen result demonstrations.
- (3) Assist the Area Poultry Committee in arranging and planning the area poultry meetings.
- (4) Obtain the services of poultry specialists and others.
- (5) Use "Hints for Tomorrow's Poultrymen" and "Grow Healthy Pullet and Turkey Program" and sponsor the Farm Flock Improvement Program in carrying out the poultry recommendations by the Committee.
- (6) Conduct a County poultry tour in the summer.
- (7) Sponsor an all day area poultry meeting in January.
- (8) Sponsor 4-H Field Day and train County Poultry Judging Team.

b. General Educational Activities:

- (1) Furnish local press news articles and advise poultrymen through the press, farm visits, office visits, letters, and radio.

2. Dairying:

- a. Goal: Work to carry out recommended dairy practices with all types of dairying in the County.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Work with local dairymen and other breeders of dairy cattle in the promotion of the Artificial Breeders Association.
- (2) Reorganize the County Dairy Committee and assist in setting up dairy objectives for 1955. Assist the Committee in conducting the following objectives:
  1. Place twelve registered dairy cattle in county.
  2. Support a Fair in the area and County h-H and Adult Dairy entries.
  3. Have at least three visits by Dairy Extension Specialist including h-H.
  4. Encourage more commercial dairying in the county where feasible.
  5. Coordinate T.B. and Bangs testing.
  6. Coordinate calf vaccination of dairy animals with beef producers - in February, August and December.
  7. Encourage breeding animals for fall freshening and artificial insemination where practical.
  8. Have tour outside county in February, June or July and sponsor dairy tour for h-H for one day.
  9. Train Dairy Judging Team for h-H.
  10. Assist h-H Dairy Club in carrying out the County Dairy Program.
  11. Work with the Tidewater D.H.I.A. and the Tidewater Milk Producers' Cooperative Assoc., Inc. in carrying out the program of each Assoc.
- (3) Encourage more dairymen to follow a program of pasture and forage crops through a planned 12 month feeding program.

c. General Educational Activities:

- (1) Furnish local paper with articles relative to the objectives set up.
- (2) Advise dairymen and other farmers owning dairy animals of recommended dairy practices.

3. Livestock:

The long time objectives have been stated relative to increase in numbers. The Livestock Committee has set up objectives for improvement in quality of livestock through the use of recommended practices. The following objectives were set up by the committee for 1955.

a. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Hold Livestock school in county in February and invite farmers and agents from the surrounding counties.
- (2) Assist in reorganizing a county livestock committee and work with members of the committee in carrying out the objectives set up to improve livestock.

(a) Beef Cattle:

1. Livestock tours showing outstanding breeding, feeding, and management programs in the Co.-include in Agronomy Tour  
Sherwood  
Raymond Mason,  
W. D. Weaver

2. County newspaper articles and radio programs stressing importance of culling cows and using fast gaining bulls.
3. Starting record of performance work with beef herds, both purebred and commercial. (Assistance available from V.F.I.)  
Sherwood  
Moonman
4. Organizing county trips to field days at Middleburg, Blacksburg, and Holland.
5. Encourage the use of phenothiazine for worming calves at weaning time.
6. Stress the importance of ridding cattle of lice.

(b) Swine:

1. Conduct newspaper and radio programs stressing importance of ladino clover pasture for swine.
2. Promote the use of meat type hogs.
3. Promote the use of sodium fluoride for worming pigs.
4. Promote the use of "pig starter feeds" for suckling pigs.

(c) Sheep:

1. Encourage livestock farmers who are not raising sheep to consider adding a flock; numbers are still low and profits are good.
2. Encourage the use of selected native or good type Western ewes for flock foundations and replacement, and a good type registered ram.
3. Promote the four-times-a-year treatment schedule and pasture rotation to control internal parasites.
4. Encourage early lambing to take advantage of the high market and reduce mid-summer pasture requirements.
5. Stress good winter feeding, with winter pasture and at least one acre of alfalfa for each 25 sheep.
6. Stress early docking and castrating, before lambs are a week old.
7. Creep feed lambs for fast gains and early market.
8. Stress the importance of spraying or dipping to control lice and ticks.
9. Shear the entire flock about corn planting time and shear ewe lambs to be kept for replacements in July.
10. Encourage sheepmen to wean late lambs, treat for worms, and feed if necessary rather than putting poor quality lambs on the market.

- (3) Use method demonstrations in teaching farmers to vaccinate swine and other methods in management and production of livestock.
- (4) Conduct tour in August to see demonstrations.
- (5) Organize a 4-H Livestock Club.

b. General Educational Activities:

- (1) Publicity will be given to the local press on objectives set up and members of the County Board of Agriculture informed of the objectives.
- (2) Obtain assistance of specialists.

E. CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

One of the annual objectives selected for emphasis is 90% of crop in winter cover crops. The Agronomy Committee selected this as an objective for emphasis and will use publicity to promote this program during the year. Another objective for emphasis in 1955 is open ditch drainage-1000 acres.

a. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Include the winter cover crop program in the county pasture program.
- (2) Encourage all farmers to seed a winter cover crop on crop land.
- (3) Encourage the seeding of crimson clover and rye grass, or a combination of small grain and emphasize the planting of corn on a small acreage basis in wide rows to make possible the seeding of a cover crop early.
- (4) Obtain assistance of specialists.
- (5) Furnish seedsmen and fertilizer dealers information and request their assistance in promoting the winter cover crop program.
- (6) Advise farmers relative to drainage, irrigation and land clearing.
- (7) Encourage farmers to use where practical some phase of the D-4 ASC practice.
- (8) Work with County Soil Conservation Committee which is under the supervision of the Soil Conservation Service technician in carrying out other conservation objectives.

b. General Educational Activities:

- (1) This will be done by individual and circular letters, farm and office visits, news articles, at meetings of the demonstrations and assistance of specialists.

F. FORESTRY:

- a. Goal: The five year long time objective beginning in 1952 for woodland improvement is 5000 acres. The County Board of Agriculture set up as an objective for 1955: 100 acres to be improved by Adults and 25 acres by Juniors in 4-H and FFA. Enroll 40 members in

the County Forestry Club.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Conduct the forestry result demonstrations showing the recommended practices and methods in forestry thinning and improvements, also killing nuisance hardwoods and other forestry practices.
- (2) Encourage the planting of loblolly pine seedlings on land which should be retired from crops and pasture and assist in making applications for seedlings.
- (3) Hold meetings at established demonstrations.
- (4) Furnish h-h Club members with information relative to the obtaining and planting of loblolly pine seedlings and give other instructions relative to forestry projects.
- (5) Continue to work with the County Forestry Committee in carrying out the program of the Forestry Club and Contest. Meetings of the Committee and Club members to be held in December, January, May, September and October.
- (6) Assist members of the Club in carrying out improved practices for their forestry area.

c. General Educational Activities:

- (1) Obtain the assistance of specialists.
- (2) Furnish local paper with news articles relative to location of forestry demonstrations and practices being carried out and recommended.
- (3) Work with farmers through means of individual letters, farm and office visits.

G. FARMSTEAD EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT:

- a. Goal: Assist farmers in constructing more needed buildings for storage of soybeans and other crops on the farm, also barns for feeding livestock. Other buildings are needed for housing the increased farm implements on farms.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Furnish information to farmers on construction, remodeling and repairing farm buildings.
- (2) Encourage farmers to construct proper chutes, ramps, bull pens and other equipment for handling livestock.
- (3) Provide farmers with plans, bulletins, circulars and other desired information.
- (4) Use method demonstrations and establish result demonstrations in carrying out the goals.
- (5) Provide farmers with information on the construction and use of

trench silos and encourage more of these in the County for conserving and providing forage crops for livestock.

- (6) Sponsor the Farm and Home Electric Project, also the Tractor Maintenance Project with the 4-H members.

c. General Educational Activities:

- (1) Obtain assistance of specialists.
- (2) Furnish local paper with news articles and hold meetings.

H. FARM MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT:

- a. Goal: Encourage farmers to give more attention to repair and housing of their farm equipment.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Conduct the following projects.
  - 1. 4-H Tractor Maintenance classes
  - 2. Housing farm equipment.
- (2) Request assistance of representatives of the local power company for the 4-H Farm and Home Electric Project.

c. General Educational Activities:

- (1) Obtain services of specialists.
- (2) Provide the local paper with news articles and contact farmers through farm and office visits and demonstrations.

I. ORNAMENTALS:

- a. Goals: (1) Work toward the improvement and beautification of home grounds throughout the County.
  - (2) Assist the PTA in the four schools with plans for home grounds beautification.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Furnish with the assistance of a specialist technical information on design of home grounds.
- (2) Work through 4-H Clubs with programs on home beautification and school grounds beautification.

J. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:

Two Community Improvement Clubs have been functioning for three years with some outstanding results. Members of the Leagues wish to re-organize, and, in one Community, plan to enlarge the Community boundary. These Clubs have helped to carry out the Farm Program, improve the Communities and homes and also to develop leadership among the members. Assist in organizing one new Community Improvement Club in the County.

a. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Assist the Clubs in reorganizing and setting up objectives for the program of work for 1955.
- (2) Assist the different Committees of the Clubs in carrying out their objectives such as obtaining speakers, and presenting information for programs.
- (3) Assist the Clubs in completing the records in preparation for County and District Judging.
- (4) Assist in publicizing the activities of the Community work.

V 4-H CLUB WORK

1. Organization:

a. Goal: Continue the 4-H Club County organization with emphasis on better programs by the members and more participation in contests.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Reorganize nine 4-H Clubs and organize one additional Club.
- (2) To enroll 350 Club members.
- (3) Reorganize County 4-H Council and assist in setting up county objectives.
- (4) Sponsor 4-H picnic or a rally.
- (5) Organize county 4-H Advisory Committee
- (6) Organize an Honor Club.
- (7) Reorganize 4-H Dairy Club and select 4-H leaders for club.

2. Projects:

- (1) Obtain loblolly pines for club members.
- (2) Have 90% completion of projects.
- (3) Sponsor Sears, Roebuck Pig Project.
- (4) Assist Club members in carrying out a Community Project on home grounds beautification of schools, or other community project.
- (5) Encourage more exhibits for Fair.
- (6) Sponsor observance of 4-H Club Sunday.
- (7) Assist the All Stars and County Council Members in obtaining and putting up 4-H Welcome signs in the County.

3. District and State Short Course:

- (1) Have at least 10% of Club members enrolled to attend the District Short Course.
- (2) Encourage eligible Club members to attend the State Short Course, and arrange for participation of members in the different contests.

4. Contests:

- (1) The County to participate in more of the contests offered including the insect contest.
- (2) Train poultry dairy and livestock judging teams.

5. Recreation:

- (1) Assist County Council in arranging county rally and other activities.
- (2) Assist 4-H Clubs in arranging skating parties and other social events.

6. Achievements:

- (1) Assist 4-H Council in sponsoring Achievement Program.

c. Educational Activities:

- (1) Encourage 4-H reporters to prepare regularly news articles for publicity in local paper.
- (2) Attend meetings and furnish information on programs, projects, and other club activities, also write individual and circular letters, and work with the local leaders to promote the 4-H program in the County.
- (3) Work closely with the All Star members in the County in carrying out the County 4-H Objectives.

VI AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

- a. Goals: Inform farmers of the ASC program and practices and assist in carrying out the program as an exofficio member of the County Committee.

b. Methods To Be Used:

- (1) Assist in reorganizing county and community committees.
- (2) Assist County Committee in setting up practices best adapted in the County.
- (3) Give assistance in connection with the conservation program.
- (4) Informing farmers of the soil conservation practices and encourage participation in the program.
- (5) Assist committeemen.

c. General Educational Activities:

- (1) Through farm and office visits, individual and circular letters,

news articles, and meetings, information will be furnished to farmers.

#### VII CREDIT AND LOANING AGENCIES

- a. Goal: Through farm visits, office visits, and letters, farmers will be advised concerning credit agencies, including the local bank. Also arrangements will be made for farmers to contact representatives of credit and loaning agencies. Make available office facilities of the County Agent for representatives.

#### VIII DISTRICT SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

- a. Goal: Work closely with the county soil conservation committee in promoting the soil conservation program in the County.
- b. Methods To Be Used:
- (1) Encourage farmers to participate in the Tidewater Soil Conservation District Program.
  - (2) Work with county soil conservationist to assist with this program.
  - (3) Coordinate with the conservationist the soil sampling program and encourage more farmers to take samples.
  - (4) Assist in observing the National Natural Resources Conservation Week.

#### IX CONCLUSION

The County Board of Agriculture and commodity committees have been used in determining the agricultural program for the County. Much emphasis will be placed on method and result demonstrations both adult and 4-H Club work. Much attention and time will be given to preparation of news articles for publicity in the local weekly and daily newspaper. The work will be conducted as usual with the leaders in carrying out the agricultural program. Cooperation will continue with other agricultural representatives working in the County.