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IOWA INSTRUCTION 260-381 SOIL HEALTH BINDERS

IA381.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Iowa Instruction is to provide information about using and updating the Iowa Soil Health Binder that every field office will receive.

IA381.1 SCOPE

These instructions will be followed by NRCS field offices.

IA381.2 FILING INSTRUCTIONS

This Iowa Instruction will be posted on the Iowa NRCS Employee Website under the [Iowa NRCS eDirectives System section](#).

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1. PURPOSE:

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2. BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Soil Health Binder includes information about soil health to help field offices learn about and promote the concept and the NRCS “Unlock the Secrets in the Soil” campaign to our customers, conservation partners, and other important stakeholders. The goal of the binder is for every field office to make it a helpful conservation planning resource.

Each binder includes the following sections:

- Table of Contents
- Fact Sheets
- Cover Crops
- Success Stories/News Articles
- Posters
- Exhibits/Displays
- DVDs
- Miscellaneous

3. PROCESS:

The Iowa Soil Health Binder should be used by field office staff to aid in the conservation planning process. It is stocked with a wealth of information to show and hand to customers.

As new information is added to the binder, the Iowa NRCS Public Affairs Staff will provide it to field offices and also add it to the Table of Contents, which can be accessed on the Public Affairs section of the Iowa SharePoint: https://ems-team.usda.gov/sites/NRCS_Iowa/PublicAffairs/default.aspx.

If field offices hand out copies of materials and need to re-stock their binder, the Table of Contents on the Iowa SharePoint includes links to the documents so new copies can be made.

To be more effective, field offices can also add local information to “personalize” their Soil Health Binders.

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