Chapter XXVI

GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONTROL AND SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN POLK COUNTY 1933-1960

The various Crop Production Control and Soil Conservation programs set up by Federal agencies in Polk County have been directed by officers elected by the farmer participants. While the names of the Federal Assistance programs have changed through the years, the work of the county agencies administering the programs has been continuous. The only change in the county organization plan of administering the programs occurred in 1935 when the area covered by the East Polk County Extension service was transferred to the McIntosh office, farmers elected officers from their area.

Only a brief report on officers of the county organizations and a chronological listing of programs is pertinent to this report.


Names of government agencies administering the programs:
1933-1948, Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA); 1949-1951, Production Marketing Administration (PMA); 1952 to date, East and West Polk County Agricultural Stabilization and County Conservation Committees.

Dates of inauguration of additional programs: 1937 Sugar Beet Program with tonnage payments to growers ‘Self Supporting’; 1937-38, Commodity Loans to producers; 1939, Crop Insurance; 1941, Wheat Marketing quotas established; 1942, Wheat Marketing Quotas discontinued during World War II; 1949, Facility Loan Program.

Grain storage program, West Polk County: 1940, Central storage; 1954 New storage, eight bin sites with a storage capacity of 1,422,380 bushels.

Grain held on loan in farm storage in West Polk County in 1956: barley, 2,399,312 bu.; flax, 7,949 bu.; soy beans, 6,876 bu.; wheat, 1,084,386 bu.; rye, 30,406 bu.; oats, 1,577,397 bu. for a total bushels in storage of 6,538,850 bushels.

Warehouse loans in 1956: barley, $316,462.07; wheat, $588,561.49; soy beans, $5,593.23; oats, $67,266.00; flax $38,268.21; rye, $2,372.38 with a total of $1,019,524.38.

Soil Bank program inaugurated in 1956, during that year 36,876.2 acres went into the Soil Bank Program (11% of total crop land.)

In 1958 a total of 2,543,168 bushels of grain was resealed in storage.

East Polk County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee established as Agricultural Adjustment Administration
office for East Polk County in 1935 and has served that area in all governmental programs dealing with agriculture since that date.


*Data furnished by chairmen and office managers of the county committees.