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# IOWA FORESTRY BULLETIN



**Iowa Conservation Commission**

**300 FOURTH STREET  
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319**

Iowa's forest acres are becoming increasingly important. Income from Iowa's forests and forest products bring in an estimated twenty million dollars annually to the state's economy. Not represented in this figure are other forest values such as watershed control, game habitat and increasing importance as recreational areas.

At present, about seven per cent of Iowa is covered with forests. Farmers own approximately 88 per cent of the forest land here in Iowa. Ten per cent is owned by non-farm and industrial ownerships. Government agencies own the remaining two per cent. Because of increased interest in our forest resources by the public and forest industry, the Conservation Commission has directed efforts toward proper management of Iowa's forest land to promote all forest values. Commission foresters assist private owners and industrial operators with timber problems free of charge.

State forests in Iowa are being developed for multiple use to demonstrate good woodland management practices and the production of forest products and services. Work has developed in several fields including access road construction, game food plot establishment, scenic area improvement, tree planting, fishing access construction, logging and marketing, fire protection and improvement of recreational facilities for picnicking and "primitive" camping.

## Duties of the District Forester

**Cooperative Forest Management** — Land owners are provided with up to five days free technical management advice and assistance on problems peculiar to his own woodland. Recommendations are made for planting, marketing and future management. Technical assistance is provided for cost sharing programs.

**Tree Planting** — The foresters recommend species of trees to be planted by landowners and assist in preparing tree orders. The Commission operates a forest nursery at Ames, Iowa, to produce hardwood, conifer and wildlife species sold to Iowa landowners for conservation planting.

**Tree Farm Program** — The landowner who places his timber under a full management program which provides a cash return and continued production of a forest crop can become a member of the Tree Farm System. Your forester will provide further details.

**Forest Protection** — A year 'round fire prevention program is carried on by the Fire Prevention Forester with cooperation of the district foresters. "Smokey the Bear" is a symbol of these activities. Excess federal equipment is obtained for local fire departments in controlling wildfires. Insect and disease control recommendations are made to public and private forest landowners.

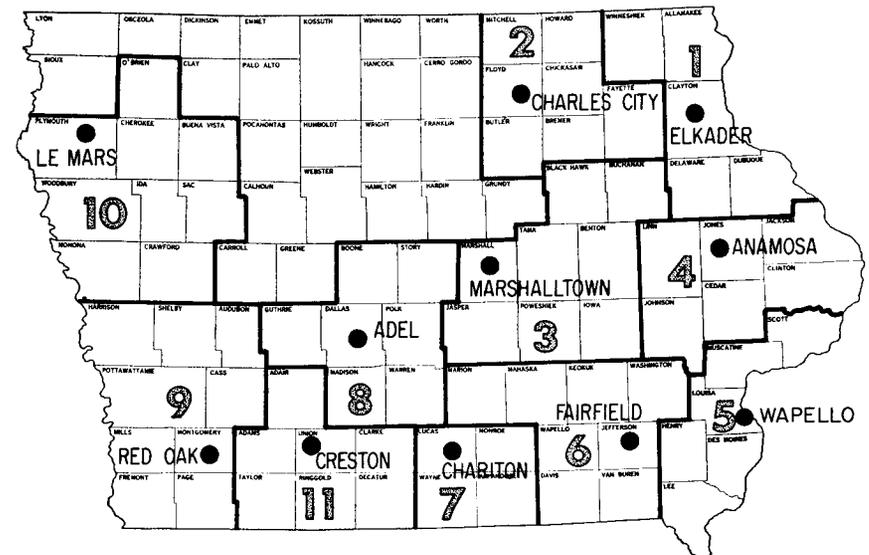
**Forest Product Utilization** — Foresters advise wood-using industries in sources of timber and improved manufacturing methods.

## Forestry Section

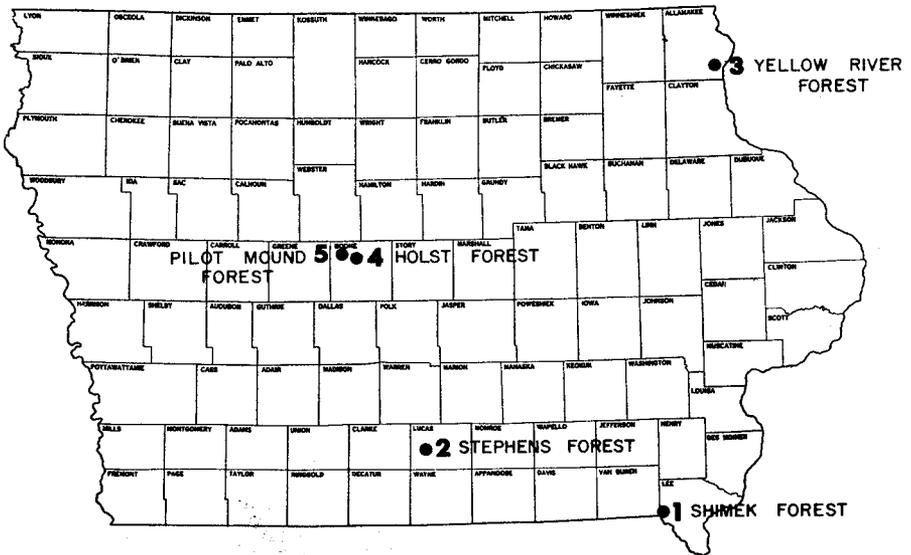
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## District Foresters

District 1: District Forester, Box 662, Elkader - 52043  
 District 2: District Forester, Box 4, Charles City - 50616  
 District 3: District Forester, Box 681, Marshalltown - 50158  
 District 4: District Forester, Box 46, Anamosa - 52205  
 District 5: District Forester, Box 62, Wapello - 52653  
 District 6: District Forester, Box 568, Fairfield - 52556  
 District 7: District Forester, Route 3, Chariton - 50049  
 District 8: District Forester, Box 175, Adel - 50003  
 District 9: District Forester, Box 152, Red Oak - 51566  
 District 10: District Forester, Box 65, LeMars - 51031  
 District 11: District Forester, Box 2, Creston - 50801



# State Forests and Area Foresters



## State Forest Facilities

1. Shimek Forest - Area Forester, Farmington 52626, 20 miles west of Fort Madison in Lee and Van Buren Counties. An 8,300 acre forest with hunting, hiking, picnicking, camping and fishing.

2. Stephens Forest - Area Forester, Route 3, Chariton 50049. 10 miles west of Chariton in Lucas, Monroe, Appanoose, and Davis Counties. An 8,700 acre forest with hunting, hiking, picnicking, camping and fishing.

3. Yellow River Forest - Area Forester, Box 115, McGregor 52157. Ten miles north of McGregor in Allamakee County, this 6,000 acre forest has hunting, hiking, fishing, picnicking, and camping.

4. Holst Forest - Iowa State University Forestry Department, Ames, Iowa 50010. Twelve miles northwest of Boone. This is an experimental forest consisting of 333 acres.

5. Pilot Mound - No custodian at this forest 16 miles northwest of Boone, consisting of 33 acres. Hiking and picnicking are the facilities offered.

**Area foresters are in charge of the administration of the multiple use program on the state forests.**