A new line of agricultural extension work now being undertaken by the Iowa State College is "the investigation of local farm problems to determine and authorize a proper working system of soil management and farm practice for each farm or locality." Any farmer who is not satisfied with his present farming methods or who has local soil management problems which he is unable to solve, may call on the agricultural extension experts, who will carefully investigate his farm, examine the soil, study his business methods and local conditions, and from the data thus secured the expert will propose a practical working plan as regards special treatment of soil in different fields, rotation of crops, and other items which should be put into practice in order to make that particular farming proposition more profitable and permanent.

This work is not intended to duplicate or interfere with the work of the county demonstrator but rather to assist such work in its more difficult phases and also to introduce the work in counties where advisors have not yet been elected.

There is no question about the value of this kind of service. Often a farmer is greatly hampered in his farming by a lack of system or method, or perhaps some simple problem of soil or crop management which he has not even attempted to solve may be the cause of failure or of decreasing returns. A little help from one who is experienced and able to note these errors and propose a practical plan for their correction may often change failure to success and discouragement to a happy contentedness which every successful farmer should feel and possess.