Important things to consider continued…

AGRICULTURE

Owning rural land means knowing how to care for it. Here are a few things that you need to know:

- Farmers often work around the clock, especially during planting and harvest time. Grain dryers may also operate around the clock during harvest time. This operation may last for several weeks to a few months. It is possible that adjoining agriculture uses can disturb your peace and quiet.
- Land preparation and harvest operations can cause dust, especially during windy and dry weather.
- Farmers occasionally burn their ditches to keep them clean of debris, weeds and other obstructions. This burning creates smoke that you may find objectionable.

- Farm equipment and airplanes apply chemicals (mainly, fertilizers and herbicides) used in growing crops. You may be sensitive to these substances and many people actually have severe allergic reactions.
- Animals and their manure can cause objectionable odors.
- Agriculture is an important business in Story County. If you choose to live among the farms of our rural countryside, do not expect county governments to intervene in the normal day-to-day operations of your agribusiness neighbors.
- Before buying land you should know if it has noxious weeds that may be expensive to control and that you may be required to control.
- Farm equipment traveling down a road is slow moving and often covers a large portion of the roadway. Other drivers need to be aware of the slow moving equipment. Be aware of equipment when on the road as some tractors are not equipped with turn signals and can suddenly turn into a field driveway or farm lane.

This information is by no means complete.

There are other issues that you may come across that we have overlooked and we encourage you to be vigilant in your duties to explore and examine those things that could cause your move to be less than you expect.