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Land Use (0:14)

A day-long symposium to review land use planning trends as they effect wildlife will be May 1st at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus. Registration is through the Office of Special Programs, 405 Coffey Hall, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.

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Making Gas (0:25)

It takes a large capital investment to start making biogas on the farm. University of Minnesota Agricultural Engineer Philip Goodrich says most farmers would not be willing to invest this capital. It takes several hours every day to run the biological digester.

The biogas is generated by a biological system that is very fussy, says Goodrich. Although anaerobic digestion is a very old process, it is not well understood.

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Slow Cooking

Even in our hurried-up age, slow cooking appliances are gaining widespread acceptance. Minnesota Extension Household Equipment Specialist Wanda Olson says the appliance industry sold about five million slow cookers last year and 1976 may see even higher sales figures.

Foods that adapt best to the appliances are those that need long moist cooking at low temperatures. Slow cookers use about the same amount of electricity to cook a meal as an electric fry pan but less than a single item cooked in the oven would require.

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