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The dairy cow fits well with sound land management. About two-thirds of her ration is roughage which may well come from hay and pasture crops -- crops that are soil builders and erosion stoppers. University Farm dairymen estimate that butterfat production per cow could be materially stepped up by feeding top-quality roughage alone.

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"Land leveling," a practice used in the southwest in connection with irrigation, is attracting attention in the Red River Valley as an aid to good drainage. Special land leveling machines take the humps out of the field, fill in low spots. This makes laying out and maintaining drainage systems easier. Some soil conservation districts cooperating with SCS and Extension Service have conducted demonstrations of land leveling.

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With grass and legume seed scarce and high priced, it will pay to make your legume seed dollar go as far as possible. First, while making plans for the next cropping season, try to get fields free of quack grass for seeding to grass-legumes. Make sure the companion crop is a suitable one. Buy seed while adapted varieties are available.

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Fred W. Schmidt, Blakely, is sold on his complete farm conservation plan. "Tons and tons of soil used to wash into my yard from the fields," he says. "After I terraced, improved my rotations, and did other things recommended by the Scott county SCS technician, my crop yields increased greatly. I used to spend 14 days a year filling gullies. Now I have no washouts."

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