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Evert Pousi, supervisor of the recently organized Meeker county Soil Conservation District, didn't wait for a district to be organized before putting a good conservation plan into operation on his farm. He set up a plan eight years ago which helped him increase yields 15 per cent on sloping land. The plan called for contour strip cropping and an improved crop rotation. He reports contours have made field operations easier because he is now farming on the level.

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You can't afford not to provide a good seedbed for legume plantings. E. R. Duncan, University Farm soils specialist, has found that the cost of establishing a legume or legume-grass seeding is split evenly between 1. seedbed preparation-- plowing, disking, seeding, etc.; 2. lime and fertilizer; and 3. seed. So lower your seed costs and assure better stands by adequate seedbed preparation.

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Soil tests may save on your fertilizer bill and insure a greater return from the fertilizer used. The University Soils Testing Laboratory at University Farm is equipped to serve you. Get information at your county agent's office or a Soils Depot.

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Q. How fast must I establish a farm plan in a soil conservation district?

A. You may go as fast as you like. The soil conservation district works with you and likes to see the work done as rapidly as possible. But you are not expected to disrupt your farming enterprise. Most farmers work into the plan in two to five years.

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