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Stop cultivating shelterbelts. Marvin Smith, U Farm extension forester, says cultivating windbreak trees can be harmful if continued beyond the first week or two in August. It encourages further growth of the trees and delays the hardening-up process for winter. Weeds growing after early August can't mature anyway, and they do protect the trees during the winter.

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Scott county soil conservation district supervisors are cooperating with farmer the Jordan Sportsmen's Club, and the Pittman-Robertson officials in establishing a wildlife area at Sutton Lake. Cooperating farmers within the 1,200 acre area are planting 68 acres for wildlife winter feed. Pittman-Robertson and the soil district are each furnishing 2,000 seedlings.

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The first step in reseeding a run-down pasture is killing the original blue grass. U. Farm extension soils specialist Harold Jones recommends tearing up the old sod as early in the fall as possible. Work the pasture two or three times with a spring tooth or field cultivator, criss-crossing it first one way, then the other. Leave it rough over winter to catch snow and reduce erosion.

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Q. Can a soil district levy taxes or assessments?

A. No. It cannot collect money from you by assessment.

It cannot levy taxes or issue bonds.

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