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Increasing or improving ~~hay and pasture and balancing~~ feed supplies with livestock numbers is a better investment for the average farmer than borrowing money to buy feed. So says Theodore Hegseth, Fergus Falls farmer, chairman of the local Production Credit association and West Ottertail Soil Conservation district. He recommends alfalfa-brome grass as one of the highest-producing and most profitable feed crops.

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Since you can have your soil tested now, you won't have to wait until next spring to order your fertilizer, reminds E. R. Duncan, extension soils specialist at University Farm. It appears now that fertilizer supplies will be adequate. Each year local shortages do develop and a shortage may occur in the grade you need. This isn't a scare--just a reminder: Place your order now for the grade and amount of fertilizer you will require next year and be sure of getting what you need.

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Marvin Prink, Dakhue Soil Conservation district, puts sweet clover-brome grass high on the list of feed and soil conserving crops. He reports his cows "wade in feed," and that he makes more by harvesting sweet clover seed worth ten cents to fifteen cents a pound than he would from corn.

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The land is in good shape to get a good representative soil sample now. PLEASE read the back side of the information sheet which you send in to the soil testing laboratory at University Farm. Recommendations are only as good as the sample and information you send in. The information you get back from your soil test is determined largely by the sample and information you send in, according to E. R. Duncan, extension soils specialist.

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