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Supervisors of West Fillmore Soil Conservation District have adopted a policy of giving first priority to farmers wanting U. S. Soil Conservation district help with applying erosion control measures and better land use. Drainage surveys and construction get second priority, although recognized as an important part of soil and water conservation where needed. Reasoning is that many fields are being damaged by erosion but fields needing drainage will be there many years from now.

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Farmers should not neglect their tree crops but should make every acre pay, urges Parker Anderson, extension forester. By properly regulating the timber cut and establishing practical management practices through selecting and leaving trees for future growth, farmers add to their future income and farm value.

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Levi Marcotte, Marshall, uses a bucket (scoop) attached to manure loader to clean out silt bars which form in bottom of his half-mile drainage ditch. He also mows weeds on ditch bank each August. Jacob H. Janzen, Soil Conservation technician in the Lyon Soil Conservation District, who helped Marcotte work out complete farm conservation plan 4 years ago, says a few hours work each year keeps the ditch in good condition.

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Now is the time for a dairyman to review last season's pasture production to determine the weak points and to plan for supplementing these weak spots next year, reminds M. C. Hervey, associate professor of dairy husbandry at the University of Minnesota. See your county agent for advice.

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