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Thirty-four equipment dealers in Wright Soil Conservation District believe firmly in the district's value to the community. They have obtained brightly colored maps of district showing its seven major problem areas which they will display and use to explain the district program to interested people.

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Surplus straw removed from strawberries this spring should be put between the rows. It will pack down and aid in weed control and moisture conservation and will help keep berries clean, says Leon Snyder, extension horticulturist. It's also handy to throw over plants if frost threatens at blossom time. After berries have been picked, plants and straw can be plowed under, unless the patch is to be left for another year.

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Secretary Brannan's recent order, coordinating conservation activities of the USDA under an Assistant Secretary in charge of agricultural resources conservation, directs U. S. Soil Conservation Service, PMA, and Forest Service to plan programs together and work more closely together but does not combine agencies. It invites soil conservation districts, which function under State Law, to share an equal responsibility for planning county soil conservation programs on which PMA and SCS work.

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Here's a warning from Parker Anderson, extension forester: Pasturing of farm woods is a costly waste. There is little good forage for farm animals in a productive forest, and there is less nutritive value in the grasses under and around trees.

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