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Soil tests available at the University of Minnesota soil testing laboratory offer a means of evaluating the plant food content of the soil. Recommendations for one fertilizer nutrient are based on the presence of sufficient amounts of all other nutrients. Maximum benefits from any one nutrient can be obtained only if enough of others are present, according to Paul Burson, professor of soils at the University.

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The Minnesota State Fair, August 25 - September 3, is cooperating with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the display of a new carload group of educational exhibits featuring grassland farming. The exhibits emphasize the increase in number of grazing days which can be attained through renovating pastures, adding fertilizer and manure and by mowing. Other sections show which of the improved varieties of forage crops have reached a point where seed is generally available for planting by farmers and where varieties of alfalfa, clover, brome grass and sudan grass are best adapted. Also included are exhibits on grass and legume silage.

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More windbreaks will appear on farms of the Sherburne Soil Conservation District as a result of a new district project, according to J. H. Weis, St. Cloud, who is chairman of the Soil Conservation District board. The district has planted a cutting nursery in the Sand Dunes State Forest near Zimmerman. More than 2,400 cuttings of 60 tree and shrub varieties have been plowed in.

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"Balanced Farming in Progress" will be the theme of the 1951 Southern Minnesota Soil Conservation Day on the Walcott farm near Faribault on September 6.

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