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The Time Is Now -- Conservation farming helps increase yields now, and keeps land in shape for continued high level production, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Soil and water conservation practices have had an important part in increasing farm production in recent years and can help raise it still higher, says USDA.

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Students Plant 21,000 Trees -- More than 21,000 trees were planted recently by Red Wing high school students and State Training School boys in the now-famous Hay Creek watershed project. This year's fifth annual Arbor Day plantings brought the total of young trees set out to more than 133,000. The Hay Creek reclamation work is a cooperative project by the Red Wing Chamber of Commerce, Red Wing High School, State Training School, Izaak Walton and Wildlife Leagues, the Soil Conservation Service and the East Goodhue SCD.

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To Keep Up Milk Flow -- One good way to keep up the milk flow during the late summer is to feed hay. Set up a feed rack in the yard or pasture and fill it with hay. If the cattle need it, they'll take it. That's the suggestion of S. B. Cleland, extension farm management specialist at University Farm. He goes on to suggest that you do this even if there seems to be a fairly liberal amount of pasture. Cattle like some dry feed and they like variety. Giving them hay at this time is part of the process of converting hay into salable dairy products.

Make the rack big enough to hold a whole load of hay, urges Cleland. That way, it needs to be filled only occasionally. Or put up a small stack with a rail around it, and pitch it down as needed.

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