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Rye Can Supply Winter Cover, Pasture and Cash -- so says R. G. Robinson, University of Minnesota agronomist. Rye protects the soil from erosion and can be plowed under as green manure in the spring or can be used as a pasture crop, as grain, or as a combination early pasture and grain crop. It is excellent for controlling annual weeds.

Since rye is sown between August 15 and October 1 and ripens before spring-sown small grain, the planting and harvesting rush is avoided.

If rye is used as nurse crop, bromegrass should be sown with the rye in the fall and the alfalfa drilled in the following spring. Emerald and Imperial are the recommended varieties for Minnesota.

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Pilot Watersheds Inspected -- In connection with the recent pilot watershed program set up by Congress, the Chippewa and Shakopee River watersheds were recently inspected by conservationists and engineers from the state SCS office at St. Paul and the SCS regional office at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Circle These Dates in Red -- Conservation minded livestock men will find these events "Down their alley" in the next two weeks:

Beef-grassland Field Day, Rosemount, Tues., Sept. 22.

Livestock and the Land Institute, Albert Lea, Thurs., Sept. 24.

Swine Feeders' Day, U. Farm, Fri., Sept. 25

Flowville '53 -- Maple Lake-Buffalo, Sat., Sept. 26.

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Air Tours Popular -- Air tours to inspect soil conservation work are becoming more popular each year. Many districts held tours this year, giving farmers a chance to see their farms from above.

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