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Sure-Fire Silage Storage -- Elmer Skogen, Kasson farmer, has tried putting up grass-legume silage for the past few years and now feels he may have the finest method of putting up in an outside pit. They tried putting it up as close to the right moisture content as possible, but still they had a lot of spoilage. So, the last two years they have cut and chopped at the same time and as a result have excellent feed with very little spoilage. A tractor does a good job of packing the wedge-shaped stack, whose edges are mounded with dirt.

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Easier to Store Fertilizer Now -- New conditioning and granulating processes make it possible for manufacturers to prevent caking that once bothered stored fertilizers. Additional precautions you can take will help. A granary, open machine shed with a tight roof, or a corn crib alley-way -- all these make fine storage if the fertilizer is kept dry, out of water's reach. A barn loft or cow shed loft is not a good storage place -- the cattle give off a lot of moisture. That's the word from Harold E. Jones, a University of Minnesota extension soils specialist.

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How About Zero Pasture? -- Thinking of trying the soilage method--that is, harvesting the grass yourself and serving it to cattle? University of Minnesota specialists believe the method would fit best with tall-growing crops such as Sudan grass and green oats. Cows will tramp down more than they will eat. But in their 1955 tests, the pasture method--with other common grasses--seems to work the best from the cost standpoint. Cows are pretty efficient harvesters, you know. And they seldom break a part or require welding.

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Grass Roots Help Flat Land -- John Brookmiller, a cooperater in the Dodge County Soil Conservation District, says this after plowing a field that hadn't been seeded down for 20 years: "My tractor wasn't big enough, so I borrowed a neighbor's three-bottom and still it snorted pulling a two-bottom plow. I'm convinced that this field needs seeding down--especially after comparing plowing a sod field with this one. The sod field takes a lot less fuel and snorting. The other field had been tiled out years ago, but wet spots are showing up. Must be that the water can not get through to the tile--so, next year, it's seeding down. I've had my mind changed".

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