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Clarence Lorentz, Wright County Soil Conservation District cooperator, reports:

"We had a hard rain in our neighborhood, nearly 3 inches in 40 minutes. But my strip cropping allowed little washing. I figure those strips paid me better than \$200 by holding the soil during that one rain. You should have seen the erosion on other fields."

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Trace minerals are now available through feed dealers. It's not definitely known just how many are needed, but University animal husbandman W. E. Morris says to feed cobalt, manganese, iron and other trace minerals. The cost is slight but the benefits can be great.

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Good grass and legume seed is scarce. Conservation farmers will plan this winter for next spring seedings and place orders early. Soil conservationists report failure to get seed in time as one of the causes of seeding failures in the Red River Valley. Others were alternating dry and wet weather, wind erosion, water erosion, floods and poor drainage.

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Land too steep for hay and pasture should be returned to productive timber. The State Division of Forestry will soon be taking orders for tree-planting stock. Price lists aren't yet out but costs won't be more than a penny a tree. Order early, while selections are good, for spring delivery.

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