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Good quality, palatable roughage, such as legume hay or silage, will supply most of the average dairy cow's needs during the winter, according to U Farm dairy-men. Very few farmers have too much good hay--most of them could use more.

This winter, analyse your feeding program. Figure out how much more good legume roughage your cows could use. Then make plans to provide that roughage next year and the years after. It's the cheapest dairy cow nutrients for winter feeding, and legumes improve soil. And legumes are top priority items in any good soil conservation program.

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Logan Thompson, young farmer in the Upper Zumbro Soil Conservation District, winters Angus calves on good hay and silage. In the summer, they go on renovated pasture with grain in a self-feeder.

LAST AUGUST, THOMPSON SOLD HIS ANIMALS FOR ONLY A DOLLAR LESS THAN THE TOP MARKET PRICE. In 1948, HE GOT \$37 A HUNDRED FOR 950 POUND STEERS AND HEIFERS--JUST \$2 LESS THAN THE TOP.

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In 1945, before he rotated crops, corn yielded 40 bushels an acre for Harold Amundson. That year he started a soil conservation program with the South Goodhue Soil Conservation District. After only one cycle of an improved rotation of corn, grain, and two years' hay in a strip cropping system, he reported corn yields of 82, 81 and 91 bushels per acre on three strips.

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Commercial fertilizer supplies are good at present. But manufacturers and mixers have few warehouses and are being forced to reduce operations because of lack of storage space. You can help yourself, and the manufacturers, by getting your fertilizer now. C. O. Rost, U Farm soils division head, warns that failure to obtain supplies in the next month or two may mean a shortage of available material at planting time.

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