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Apple trees are a good bet for sloping land too steep for cultivation.

L. C. Snyder, U Farm extension horticulturist, says to set the trees out on the contour, with 30 to 35 feet between trees and 25 to 30 feet between rows.

Planting on the contour allows you to cultivate the first few years and thus get the trees off to a good start without danger of erosion. Or, trees can be planted directly in sod, provided the area immediately surrounding each tree is kept worked up and supplied with nitrogen.

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"I wouldn't take \$50 apiece for some of my trees," says Louie Franzmeier, cooperator with the Dakhue Soil Conservation District and truck gardener near Hastings. His 3-row pine and ash windbreak checks wind erosion and helps him get crops planted on time. Faster growth and early marketing results in higher prices for produce.

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Alfalfa can't be surpassed as a hog pasture. Alfalfa supplies additional protein as well as minerals and vitamins for hogs in dry lot. Alfalfa hay can constitute the bulk of the ration for wintering breeding ewes and pays off in stronger lambs and better milk flow. Alfalfa with corn makes one of the best fattening rations for lambs. Good alfalfa cuts the protein supplements needed for fattening cattle. So says W. E. Morris, U Farm animal husbandman.

Best of all, alfalfa is a soil saver and a soil builder. Seed some this spring.

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High price of alfalfa seed is no problem to Edgar Rogers, cooperator in the Lyon county Soil Conservation District. Rogers harvested 60 pounds of clean seed per acre from 8 acres of alfalfa in 1949. One spraying was all he needed to control grasshoppers.

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