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How to "Change" the Weather -- You CAN do something about the weather. Conditions under which much hay was made this past summer were highly unfavorable, and many of you who made legume silage are now mighty glad you did. But even in years of better hay-making conditions, making silage of the first crop of hay beats the weather problem. "Alfalfa silage is really appreciated this winter," says Ralph Wayne, extension dairyman at University Farm. "Ask the dairyman who is feeding it!"

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Contour Speeds Plowing -- Leonard Smiglewski, Benton County Soil Conservation District, says he quickly discovered one advantage in the 35 acres of contour strips which he installed only this last fall. After a rain he was able to finish his plowing as soon as the upper parts of the field dried. Neighbors with straight-row fields had to wait until the entire fields were dried and many of them did not get their fall plowing done.

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What's Soil Conservation? -- Here's the way J. M. MacGregor, associate professor of soils at the University of Minnesota, answers that question: "It's simply the use of the land in a way that will permanently maintain its productivity. It means that we must prevent essentially all soil loss from either wind or water erosion. This can be accomplished by cultivating only naturally suitable land or land protected by erosion control practices, and by emphasis on rotation of crops, manuring, fertilizing and liming where needed."

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Sudan Seed Valuable Crop -- Favorable weather for pasture last summer gave Lloyd Jystad of the South Goodhue Soil Conservation District a surplus of 4½ acres of sudan grass which he had planned to use for supplementary pasture. The area was left for seed and the yield was 418 pounds per acre. With seed at \$15 a hundred, his return was \$62 per acre.

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