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By working with nature instead of against her, Peter Burretta, cooperater of the Becker County Soil Conservation District, has been able to take a \$1,200 fur harvest from 30 acres of land some farmers would consider worthless. And he did this in only two years. The farm plan Burretta developed with the technical assistance of the SCS classified the 30 acres as wildlife area. As a consequence Burretta fenced it, left food crops nearby and has his own wildlife refuge; a really profitable one too.

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Good responses can be expected from application of 75-100 pounds of ammonium nitrate or equivalent nitrogen fertilizer as a side dressing when corn is from knee to hip high, says H. E. Jones, extension soils specialist. But remember: response won't be good if corn follows a legume sod or a soil high in organic matter. Also, response will be small if soil moisture reserves are low. Best results come from a fairly good soil moisture supply and getting rain after nitrogen application. Application may be made with fertilizer attachment available for cultivator.

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Note on fast workers: Kenneth Lien of Fergus Falls, who won the Minneapolis Star-Tribune soil conservation award in the West Otter Tail SCD for 1950, needed only one year to completely apply his soil conservation plan. He had only started it the year before he won the award.

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In Minnesota, says Parker Anderson, extension forester, "we have millions of acres that are loafing on the job, due to unwise use of wooded land for pasture. Results have shown that most of the so-called woodland pasture is little more than a 'cow gymnasium', providing little nourishment or pasture income."

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