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Members of the Fergus Falls Exchange Club know a lot more about soil conservation these days as a result of a recent tour they held in cooperation with the West Otter Tail Soil Conservation District. The tour took in a dozen farms in four townships and wound up with a fine feed.

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Fresh cows at this season are often short-changed because of the rush of other work. If pastures get short, barn-feed some good roughage, urges Ralph Wayne, University of Minnesota extension dairyman. Legume hay or legume silage is best. Corn silage will also do. Feed all the roughage they will clean up. Hot, dry weather not only means poorer pastures in many cases, but cows do not graze as long each day because of the heat.

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Pasture renovation is paying off for Edwin W. Goplen, cooperator with the South Goodhue Soil Conservation District. The results of his pasture renovation and rotation grazing can be found in Goplen's silo -- high quality grass-legume silage.

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Soil Conservation Air Tours being held in Minnesota this summer and fall are proving eye-openers to many people. Tour dates scheduled the remainder of the season include: September 8, Horan farm near Chatfield; September 20, St. Cloud Airport. On these tours, farmers and others interested may observe soil conservation practices and progress by taking an airplane ride over a pre-selected route. Tour guides are furnished each passenger going on the flights. While the flights are going on, an educational program is conducted on the ground at each one of these events.

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