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Strip cropping rings the bell with George Anderson, of Ruthton, Minnesota, as a method of controlling soil losses. Last year, Jerry Simpson of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service laid out 20 acres of strips on Anderson's farm at the request of Clem Chase, local county agent. The strips of cultivated and meadow land controlled washing so well that Farmer Anderson had 25 additional acres of strip cropping laid out this year.

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If you are soil conservation-minded, remember September 8. That's the day on which the Minnesota Soil Conservation Day and KROC State Plowing Contests will be held on the Leo Plenge farm near Chatfield.

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After pasturing 41 head of Holsteins on his 21 acres of grass-legume pasture for a full month, Harold Amudson of the South Goodhue Soil Conservation district had to mow six acres of the land for hay. The cows couldn't keep up with the mixture of brome and birdsfoot trefoil.

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"Your Land and You" will be the topic of George Browning, associate director of the Iowa State College Agricultural Experiment Station, when he speaks at the second annual Livestock and the Land Institute at Albert Lea fair grounds September 26. Theme of the Institute this year will be the beef cow herd and its place in a sound land and livestock program.

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A fat bear hibernates well. And a legume crop with a good supply of plant food in the roots comes through the winter in good shape and makes good spring growth, points out Harold Jones, extension soils specialist at University Farm. To produce heavy top growth in legumes it is necessary to have an extensive, well-fed root system. To do this, be sure alfalfa is well fertilized. To assure good root reserves in legumes, it is important not to cut or pasture the crop the last few weeks before frost.

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