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Roughage Is Dairy Ration Foundation -- High quality roughage, in addition to being the product of soil-conserving crops, is the foundation of the economical dairy ration

Not only does it have more feed value, says Ralph Wayne, University of Minnesota extension dairyman, but cows usually like it better than most other feeds and therefore eat more of it. More consumption of more feed value per pound enables cows to satisfy a bigger percentage of their nutrient requirements from roughage. This means a saving on high-priced grain.

Dairyman with alfalfa silage are finding cows are eating unusually large amounts this year. The cows know that this silage is the best roughage in most cases. High consumption of legume silage provides an abundance of nutrients, especially protein. In addition to helping save on grain and still getting good production, it means an economical ration and, with good cows, profitable dairying.

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Free Trees for Shelterbelts -- The Pittman-Robertson unit of the State Conservation Commission will again furnish free trees to farmers who wish to plant shelterbelts in the spring. Most desirable species will be available.

The Conservation Commission requests that windbreaks be planned as near as possible to the standard approved for Minnesota. This means six rows of trees and a row of shrubs. The shrubs are for a snowcatch. Next in order are two rows of deciduous trees, then two rows of pine and two rows of spruce on the inside.

Farmers wanting trees should see their county agent, or SCS representative, Forest Service representative or county PMA representative.

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Hearings Set -- Hearings will be held this month on two proposed new Minnesota soil conservation districts by Theodore F. Peet, member of the State Soil Conservation Committee, and M. A. Thorfinnson, executive secretary of the committee. The proposed districts are in Morrison county and in East Otter Tail county. The former, for which the hearing is scheduled for January 30, would include all of Morrison county. The latter, for which the hearing will be held January 31, would take in 31 townships in Otter Tail county which are not already included in the West Otter Tail district.