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Manure in Winter -- It's better to haul manure out on the field in the winter time than to pile it outside where it's exposed to the weather, according to C. O. Rost, chief of the soils division at the University of Minnesota. But, he adds, it's not as good as storing it in a manure shed or letting it accumulate in an open-side livestock shed or loose housing barn.

If manure is hauled in the winter, spread it on the most nearly level land to prevent losses as the result of spring thaw run-off. Losses of nitrogen accompany the spreading of manure any time unless it's worked into the ground immediately. Since a large part of the nitrogen and potash in manure is in soluble form, these chemicals are likely to be lost in any system of spreading you might use. Therefore it's wise to take all possible precautions against losses, says the University soils chief.

When manure is stored for future spreading, keep it well packed and protected by a roof, suggests Dr. Rost.

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District Notes 10th Birthday -- About 140 cooperators and guests of the East Agassiz Soil Conservation District gathered in the Zion Lutheran Church in Twin Valley recently for the district's 10th anniversary celebration. The event was sponsored by the district supervisors.

A banquet was served by the Ladies Aid of Zion Lutheran Church. Alfred Wiger, chairman of the district board, served as toastmaster for the program.

A summary of the district's progress was given by Einar Hendrickson, of the Soil Conservation Service. A. C. Libby, district conservationist for the SCS at Moorhead, also described the district's activities.

M. A. Thorfinnson, executive secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee, congratulated the district on its progress and on its pioneer activities in the Red River Valley.

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