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Air Tours Planned -- Two conservation air tours for this coming summer are now in the planning stages. M. A. Thorfinnson, extension soil conservationist at the University of Minnesota, reports that the first will be held at Fergus Falls July 17, staged by the West Otter Tail Soil Conservation District. The second, at Detroit Lakes July 21, will be staged by the Becker County Soil Conservation District. Local chambers of commerce are cooperating, and help is being given in planning and conducting the tours by the State Department of Aeronautics, Minnesota Flying Farmers, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service and State Soil Conservation Committee.

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Consider Sudan -- When dry summer weather affects other pastures, sudan grass furnishes fresh, green feed for hogs. According to E. F. Ferrin, animal husbandry chief at the University of Minnesota, about twice as many growing pigs per acre can be kept on sudan grass during July and August as on other pastures. If moisture is sufficient to keep standard pasture crops in good condition, remember that sudan makes good hay, providing it is cut before it becomes woody.

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Yields Up, Soil Better -- Henry Grovdahl, Rochester, a co-operator with the Dodge County Soil Conservation District, has found that soil conserving practices have paid off in higher yields and richer soil. Average yields for both corn and small grains have increased about 20 bushels an acre since he started conservation farming, Grovdahl says. He now averages 70 to 75 bushels of oats per acre and last year one field of corn made 80 bushels.

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