

Our LAND



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Five for Four -- Would you like to get five bushels of wheat from the same land where you are now getting four? Or would you like to increase your yields greatly on other crops. Tests reported in Illinois show that much improvement on contoured wheat land. Planting a crop on the contour has been shown to step up yield by 17 per cent over drilling the seeds up and down the hill. Apparently the drill rows on the contour hold back enough more water and plant food to give the increased yield.

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Hunger Signs -- Think back a bit this summer. Did your alfalfa have a purplish cast on its stem or was its growth stunted? If so, it probably was starved for phosphorus. The best way to find out what is the matter with your soil is to have it tested. See your local county agent or fertilizer dealer for containers and instructions for sending soil to the Soil Testing Laboratory at University Farm.

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Ministers, Bankers, Barbers -- A soil conservation district in another state once held a banquet for all the ministers, bankers, and barbers in the district. The board wanted to tell everyone about the district's program and it figured that these groups talk to the most people. Ministers are particularly conscious of man's stewardship of the soil and it was with this thought that the Benton Soil Conservation District board members recently organized a tour for the ministers in the district. The group visited three farms and saw good examples of terracing, strip cropping, wind erosion control, drainage and many other practices.

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