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Soil Conditioners Don't Give Higher Yields -- Although soil conditioners improve a soil's workability and water absorption, they do not increase crop yields. According to extensive field experiments with corn, oats, wheat and flax by University of Minnesota agronomists, up to 1,600 pounds of 25 per cent soil conditioner gave no yield increases over non-treated plots.

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Lyon County Farmers Are Heavy Tilers -- Lyon county farmers laid over 100 miles of drainage tile during 1953, reports the county soil conservation district. The 100-mile figure is for both district and ACP cooperators. In addition, 26 miles of open ditch drainage was completed, reports SCS farm planner Jake Janzen. These improvements, plus crop rotation programs, pasture improvements, fertilizer and seeding, and waterway repair, have contributed to better land.

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Conservation Improves Wildlife -- Hunters and fishermen will get a better break in the Kittson county area as the result of a conservation and improvement program now under way. While dealing with wind erosion, water erosion and farm drainage, farmers also plan improving conditions for upland game birds, ducks and deer. The conservation blueprint includes building farm ponds, spillway-type dams in creeks to hold back water and at the same time permit flowage, planting shelterbelts of trees with a couple of rows of berry-producing shrubs and establishing wildlife areas in the western part of the county.

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Plan Crop Rotation Now -- Right now is a good time to plan your crop rotation says Matt Thorfinnson, extension soil conservationist at the University of Minnesota. Planning now allows plenty of time for making your new seedings of legumes and grasses.

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