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Surveys Show Yields Upped 15 Per Cent -- What effect does a soil conservation program have--in addition to its long-range benefits? Olmsted and Dodge county farmers were asked recently how they thought their soil conservation programs have improved their crop yields after three or more years. Their replies showed an average 16 per cent yield increase--and all said they wouldn't go back to the "old way" of farming. This information comes from M. A. Thorfinnson, extension soil conservationist at the University of Minnesota.

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Kittson County Farmers in Extensive Conservation Project -- Kittson county farmers led by their county district board are in an extensive conservation program that includes wildlife conservation as well as soil saving. In the wooded part of the county, they are getting soil surveys to determine the best land use. Then, as agricultural land is cleared, field windbreaks will be left between fields and wildlife areas near bogs or at other convenient points where wildlife cover can be provided to reach water.

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Commissioners Help Soil Saving -- The Wabasha county board of commissioners has appropriated \$500 each year the past two years to the county's two soil conservation districts. The money helps carry on the soil conservation program.

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Fun on the Farm in Wisconsin -- Last fall farm families of the Walworth county, Wisconsin, soil conservation district, held a "fun on the farm day". In addition to a hay rack field tour to watch farm machinery in operation on contours and terraces, the farmers enjoyed trap-shooting, identification contests, log sawing and a round-table on how the farm woods fit into a soil conservation program.

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