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Heavy Erosion Damage in Rain -- After a five-inch rain in the northern part of the Redwood County Soil Conservation District, SCS Farm Planner Robert J. Feldt took a look at some of the damage. On one farm he noted serious erosion loss in corn rows, with rills cut three to four inches wide, an inch or two deep on a three- to four-per cent slope that was 300 feet long. That's a lot of soil loss. A neighbor's farm--Harold Moldstead's of Delhi--had contours on it and Feldt found very little erosion and lots of water standing in the contour rows. That water, of course, later went down into the soil to better nourish the corn crop.

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Woodland Pasture Brush Control Possible -- There are about four million acres of woodland pasture in Minnesota. These are, of course, very low producers. Research shows that amount of forage produced per acre can be increased as high as five times by removing trees and brush and making the woodland pasture a pasture. So says Ed Jensen, extension agronomist and weed control specialist at the University of Minnesota.

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Tries Forage Cutter as Harvester -- Rudolph Nelson, a member of the Rock County Soil Conservation District, harvested his grain this year with a forage cutter. He blew the grain into self-unloading wagons and unloaded them into a separator with a long drag feed. It didn't involve much muscle work and the straw was chopped for bedding and is available now near Nelson's buildings. Rudy says his new process is faster than combining and does away with his need for an expensive machine.

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Lots of Energy has Orley -- One of the busiest men in the East Fillmore Soil Conservation District, down in southeastern Minnesota, is Orley Grindland of Fountain. Besides running two milk routes for the Fountain creamery, he owns and runs an 80-acre and a 160-acre farm. He rents and operates two more farms--one of 160 acres, another of 200 acres. Busy though he is, Orley farms his land the conservation way with good crop rotations in contour strips and plenty of the right kinds of fertilizer. When he took over the farms, they had some draws that had been cut into deep gullies. These are now filled, shaped and seeded so they can be crossed safely with tractors and implements.