

Our LAND



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The Southwest Farm Management Service found putting beef cattle on bromelalfa pasture an excellent way to use hay in a crop rotation in Rock county. Last year 3,000 head were marketed. Fifty cooperators bought 4,000 more feeders last fall. They use only about 40 bushels of corn to put a 600 pound gain on a calf.

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Harold Jones, U Farm Extension Soils Specialist, lists three advantages of field terraces: (1) they prevent gullying from heavy rains; (2) soil is left on the fields; and (3) more of the rain water soaks into the field.

Terraces should be put on sloping land where contouring and strip cropping aren't enough to hold heavy rains. They can be constructed economically with a moldboard plow.

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County ditch No. 50, Le Sueur county, is one of the largest drainage systems to be improved by a Soil Conservation district in that part of Minnesota. It includes more than $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of open ditch, 250,000 feet of tile already laid, and an additional 200,000 feet to be installed this summer.

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A farmstead shelterbelt is worth \$325.76 to the average Nebraska farm family, forest survey shows. Parker Anderson, U Farm Extension Forester, estimates that value to be very conservative for Minnesota, where the climatic conditions are more severe.

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