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Not From History Book -- "Deep ditches scar many hillsides and the topsoil from them lies at the bottom of the hills covering corn, small grain and pastures. This washed away soil covers road ditches thus adding to the cost of maintaining them which further increases taxes." Does this sound like something from a history book? It ought to be but it isn't. It's from the Sauk Centre Herald and it was written by Clair Kess, SCS Soil Conservationist of St. Cloud. Kess was describing a condition typical of many parts of Minnesota following the heavy summer rains.

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Bedding and Your Land -- You'll do both your cows and your land a favor if you save plenty bedding. Plenty of good bedding in the stall or pen cuts down on udder injury and the often resulting mastitis. Keeping calf pens dry also reduces pneumonia, scours, and other calf diseases. What's more you'll help your land, says Ralph Wayne, extension dairyman at University Farm. The more bedding used the more liquid is absorbed from gutters thus conserving more fertilizer value of the manure produced.

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Livestock Save Soft Corn -- Records kept on the Harold Olson farm in Cedar township, Martin county, show the value of livestock in using soft corn. In 1952 the Olsons raised 7,000 bushels of corn some of which was soft and would have had to sell at 80 cents a bushel. Through cattle feeding of 90 head, their records show that corn valuation came out at \$1.50 per bushel. Mr. Olson was to be one of the featured farmers at the annual Livestock and the Land Institute at Albert Lea, September 24. Mr. Olson passed away in August and now his wife and his neighbor, Harlin Hockel, will make the Albert Lea appearance.

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