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How Profitable is Your Woodlot? -- If it is a cow gymnasium, what some call a woods pasture, then your returns will be small. Growth is retarded and deterioration has or will set in. As a result of grazing, you lose the young, vigorous growth for the next productive timber crop. Here's why, explains Parker Anderson, University of Minnesota Extension Forester: The ground is firmly packed by grazing animals and moisture and water cannot be absorbed by the soil. Only inferior trees and unwanted brush can make a living. You lose twice--grazing capacity is low and board feet of timber growth is low, too. Next summer, keep the cows out of the woods--you'll have better trees and better cows.

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Article Describes Farmer-Sportsman Cooperation -- A story in the July-August issue of the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer--obtainable free by writing the Minnesota Department of Conservation, 633 State Office Building, St. Paul 1--gives several good examples of what sportsmen and farmers can accomplish by working together. Subject is the experimental wildlife area near Wanamingo in Goodhue County. Among fruits of the cooperative venture are a great increase in pheasants. Twenty-one cock pheasants per square mile were shot in the area in 1952. In comparable areas of the district, the pheasant "harvest" was only four or five pheasants per square mile.

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Some Meaningful Statistics -- Good forage crops and pasture can help cut your feed costs and put profitable gains on your stock. For forage-consuming livestock, four to five pounds of alfalfa have as much digestible nutrients as three pounds of corn. Three to four pounds, dry weight, of good pasture also have as much nutrients as three pounds of corn. According to W. M. Myers, head of the University of Minnesota's Agronomy Department, two to four pounds of good alfalfa hay have as much digestible protein as one pound of cottonseed cake or linseed meal or as much as four to eight pounds of corn.

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