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Undesirable trees and shrubs that occupy pastures can be readily eliminated by ester sprays of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, according to Parker Anderson, extension forester at the University of Minnesota. Good results are obtained by cutting the larger trees and applying ammate (sulphamate crystals) into the freshly cut stump. Woods pasture is poor pasture, Anderson says. Elimination of brush and trees provides more succulent and nutritious grass and keeps cattle out of good woodlot areas.

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Both hens and dairy cows -- as well as soil and the farmer -- benefit from soil conservation, declares Harold Meyers, member of board of supervisors of Pope Soil Conservation District. He markets 14,403 dozen eggs a year and 9,425 pounds butterfat.

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"We seldom have any trouble with thistles in a field after taking three cuttings of hay," say S. O. Frost and Son of Pine Island, Minnesota. The Frosts have for several years had the bulk of their farm seeded down to a mixture of brome and alfalfa, reports Harvey M. Bjerke, assistant specialist in farm management for the University of Minnesota.

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Fred Schmidt, Scott County Soil Conservation District, estimates he saves 14 days a year in repairing gully washouts since he constructed terraces. Terraces keep water from washing through his yard and stopped gully 20-foot deep.

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Boys and girls: You can learn more about your farm, make it more efficient and productive, keep it producing indefinitely and be eligible for valuable awards by participating in the 4-H soil conservation project. For details see your club leader, county club or agricultural agent.

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