

Soil Conservation News

Land Smoothing Is One Of Most Popular Conservation Practices

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One of the most popular soil conservation practices to Warren County farmers is land smoothing. This practice embraces a number of jobs, including shaping grassed waterways, top soiling eroded land, filling in low areas, and removing hedgerows, banks of soil, and other obstacles. The land smoothing practice gives good drainage to rows and makes parallel terraces or parallel strips practical. It is essential on most Warren County fields before tractor farming the conservation way is practical.

During 1963 land smoothing was given a high priority by both the Warren Soil Conservation District Supervisors and the Warren County ASCS Committee. Farmers were so well pleased with the practice that contractors were unable to keep up with the demands for heavy equipment work. When the heavy December rains came halting the field work 35 farmers had done land smoothing work on 452 acres of land. The contractors still have a list of farmers wanting this work.

The Soil Conservation Service technicians that have technical supervision of the land smoothing and the contractors have found it a pleas-



This scene was repeated many times in Warren County during 1963; heavy equipment moves valuable top soil from waterways, hedgerows, and field borders and deposits it on severely eroded areas.

ure to work with farmers doing this work. Farmers are delighted with the changes in their fields, with solving so many problems at one time, and with the relative low cost for the work. On tobacco farms there are few investments that pay as well.

On typical Warren County tobacco fields the land smoothing practice costs about \$40.00 per acre. This invest-

ment will usually be repayed with the increase in yield from the first crop of tobacco. The land smoothing practice enables a farmer to mechanize his farming operation with a much better soil and water conservation program than he had before.

Chances are this practice will continue to increase in popularity.

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A reader in the Warrenton neighborhood writes about her fern plant and requests advice. She said: "It turns yellow at the ends of the new sprouts and appears as if they had been burned." From other comments she made I

suspect that the plant has become root (pot) bound and suggested re-potting in a larger container.

For this I suggested that she use equal parts (by volume) of good top soil and well decomposed leaf mold,

thoroughly mixed. The container should be well drained at the bottom. Since over-watering house plants is all too common, the soil medium should be kept moist but not wet. This would apply to moist house plants.

While there is no rule of thumb that we can apply to watering plants in the home, probably the best plan is to water well and then let the soil appear slightly dry on top before you water again.

During the winter months, house plants will benefit from all possible sunshine. None is usually harmed by exposure to sun you would normally get from a south window. From early spring until early winter, some plants should be protected from too much direct sunlight.

Plants that receive too little light have a tendency to grow thin and become spindly. They may also flower sparsely and bend markedly toward the light.

Humidity in the home will vary greatly and is difficult to control. Leaves may drop and the foliage may dry up if the humidity is too low. For most plants, except those of the cactus family, the humidity should be maintained as closely as possible to 60 per cent. Keep plants away from radiators and hot air registers.

Temperature, like humidity, will also vary greatly. I have observed that homes kept a little on the cool side are best for house plants.

The announcement of a new camellia has just been made and you camellia fanciers should know about it. The name is Tiffany. This new variety received the highest score of any camellia ever entered in the All-America camellia selection trials.

Tiffany is reported to be hardy, of upright growth habit and to have a very long blooming life. This variety has an "informal double flower of warm pink with golden stems interlacing the petals." Tiffany is expected to fill a large number of landscaping and ornamental needs. It is also reported that plants will be available soon. If you are interested I will try to put you in touch with a source of supply.

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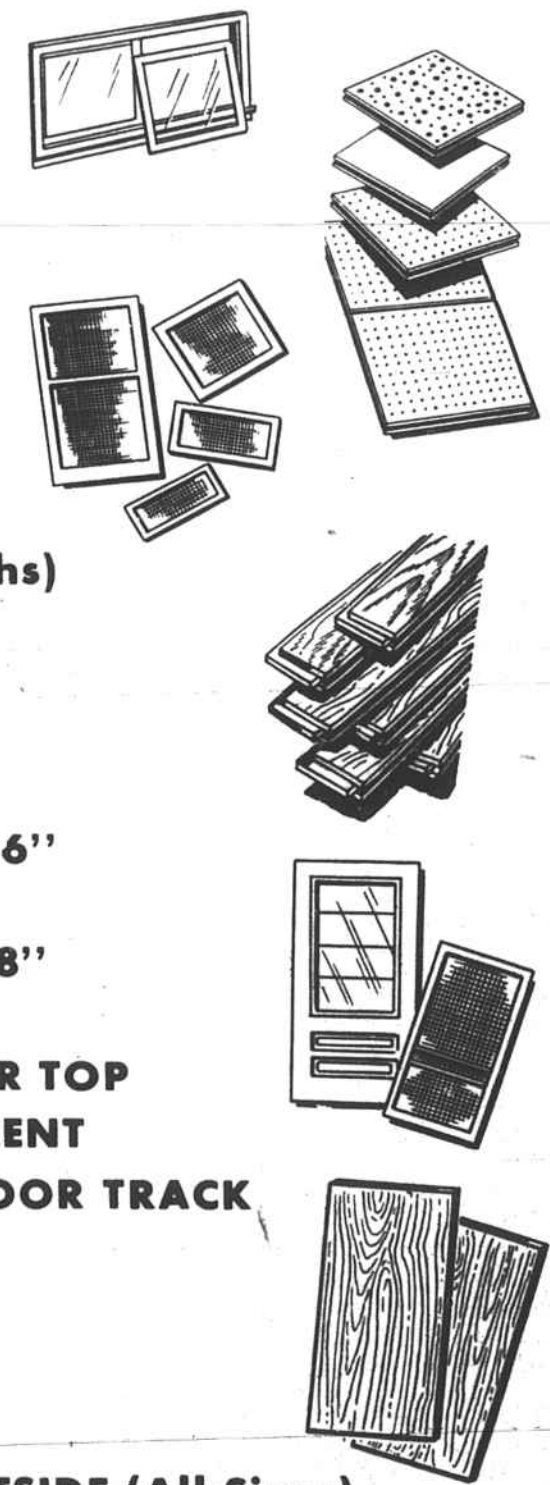
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