

CONTENTS**Features****276****Viewpoint: Three P's for SCSA progress**

Maurice Cook looks at SCSA's future

278**New challenges for conservation partners**

Peter J. Nowak talks about five trends that will influence the future course of conservation events

285**The science and art of conservation policy**

Charles M. Benbrook discusses the potential of the 1985 farm bill to solve soil erosion problems

292**Sludge compost recycling: The Philadelphia story**

Matthew Miller describes one city's model sludge management program

297**Drought and water management: The Egyptian response**

Scot E. Smith reviews the lessons learned during the prolonged drought in northern and central Africa

301**Thematic mapper data: A new land planning tool**

Kelly M. Phillips, Ken Morgan, Leo Newland, and David G. Koger assess the potential of a new remote sensing technology

304**Conserving Soil: Sociological insights**

Stephen B. Lovejoy and Ted L. Napier look at the human dimension of why soil conservation is or is not practiced

304**Conserving soil: Economic insights**

Jerald J. Fletcher analyzes the economic environment in which conservation decisions are made today

311**Rainfall's the game, education's the aim**

Russ Keen describes a new conservation education tool

314**RIM—Reinvest in Minnesota**

Ken Korczak and Michele Gran tell about a new, innovative state program

317**Commentary: Where do we stand on sustainable agriculture?**

Orville W. Bidwell calls for communication between conventional agricultural interests and promoters of sustainable agriculture

320**Commentary: Soil conservation in agricultural development: An economist's view**

G. C. Van Kooten discusses the economic constraints confronting farmers in making conservation decisions

Departments**274****Pen points****322****In the news****328****Professional services & classified advertising****329****Upcoming****330****Books, etc.****352****The SCSA view****Research reports****333****Agricultural chemicals and heavy metals in upland soils and valley alluviums of the Little Washita River Basin**

S. J. Smith, J. R. McHenry, R. G. Menzel, and N. H. Welch

336**Rainfall erosivity in Iraq**

M. H. Hussein

338**Crop damage by small mammals in no-till cornfields**

W. R. Clark and R. E. Young

341**Growth of native and introduced legumes on a moist, nitrogen-deficient site in western Oklahoma**

William A. Berg

344**Longevity and effect of tillage-formed soil surface cracks on water infiltration**

Everett M. White

348**Soil-habitat type relationships in Michigan and Wisconsin**

John Kotar

Cover: Landsat photo of northern Africa. Note the Nile River (in red) with the Nile Delta at the top of the photo and the Aswan High Dam near the bottom (see page 297). Photo courtesy General Electric Company.