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### Viewpoint: New approaches to commodity programs and conservation goals
Milton E. "Bud" Mekelburg proposes reforms of federal policy that would address the conflict between farm programs and conservation goals.

### Stretching conservation assistance
Clayton W. Ogg, G. Timothy Denley, and Kenneth C. Clayton look at the merits of combining targeting and variable cost-sharing.

### Leopold's land aesthetic
J. Baird Callicott explores an area of Aldo Leopold's philosophy that could serve to inspire landowners to conservation efforts today.

### The conversion experiment: A strategy to reduce farming costs
Martin N. Culik updates research on making the transition from conventional farming to alternative agricultural methods.

## Research reports

### Modern terrace systems
Richard E. Highfill defines a place for terracing in current conservation programs.

### Obstacles to conservation tillage on dryland
T. W. Massee surveys the key management points that underpin successful use of conservation tillage in dryland farming.

### Reviving Arizona’s rangelands
Jerry R. Cox, Howard L. Morton, Jimmy T. LaBaume, and Kenneth G. Renard present the case and means for renovating semidesert rangeland in Arizona.

### Commentary: Got those GAO blues again
Ken Cook critiques a new evaluation of federal soil and water conservation programs.

### Commentary: Whither goest state and private forestry?
Luke Popovich traces the course of a key unresolved issue in forestry policy.

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