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The Place Of Trees In America's Agricultural Soil Bank Program



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Today, throughout America, there are successful forest plantations on more than 5 million acres. Many of these plantations are on farms across the country, where progressive farmers have learned that trees increase the value of their land. They have found that trees protect the soil, lessen erosion, serve as wind-barriers, and help provide a more stable flow of water. Their trees have added beauty to the land and furnished shelter for increased wildlife. Over and above these benefits the planted trees have earned money for their owners, from the sale of products:



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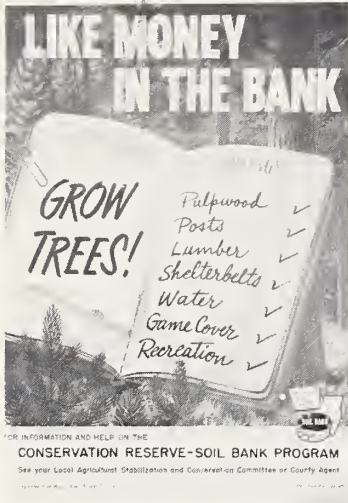
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Pulpwood, Posts, and Poles from thinnings which opened up and improved the plantations.

Sawlogs from the older plantations.



OPPORTUNITY

Under the Soil Bank there's a fine opportunity right now to plant trees. Farmers can get into the nation-wide tree-planting program at a considerable savings. The County Agent or local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee representative can provide information on the Soil Bank. The local forester can give technical advice on the planting.



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LAND ELIGIBLE FOR TREE PLANTING IN THE CONSERVATION RESERVE



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Land which up to now has been in regular crop production, including tame hay.



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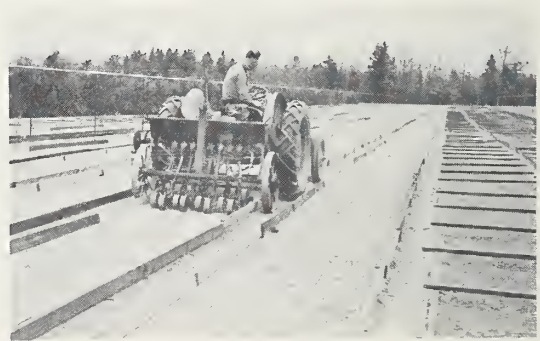
Crop land which is eroding or otherwise run down is ideally suited for planting trees.

TREES IN PRODUCTION FOR THE SOIL BANK JOB



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In public and commercial nurseries across the Nation, millions of tree seedlings are growing right now.



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Production is being increased to meet the expanding needs of the Soil Bank job.

TREES FOR THE SOIL BANK



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It doesn't take much space to grow the little trees. In just one of these beds there are more than 30,000 seedlings, enough to plant 30 to 60 acres, depending on how far apart the trees are planted.



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Depending on the kind of trees and where they are grown, it takes from one to three years before they are big and strong enough to leave the nursery. Careful handling of the trees is essential at all times.

THE PLANTING JOB



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Like other farm jobs, planting trees is no snap -- especially if you have to do it by hand. And that's the way it often has to be done, particularly on small areas.



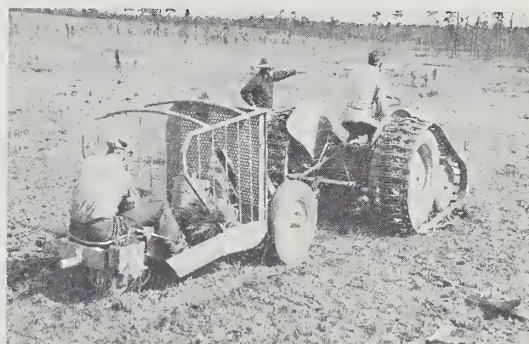
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If the trees are to live, their roots must be kept moist right up to planting time, and the seedlings must be planted right. Again, careful handling, proper planting is necessary.



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Sometimes, small machinery at hand can be adapted for planting trees to speed up the job. Just the right spacing, and it takes 3 or 4 good men to keep up.



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On larger fields, where the going is good, a tree-planting machine really puts the trees in the ground, often planting as many in one hour as a man can plant in a day.

DIVIDENDS FROM TREES



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Almost from the start a plantation of trees adds to the value of a farm. Of course in some places trees grow faster than in others. It depends on what kind of trees they are and on the growing conditions. But, whatever their age or size, tree plantations start yielding early returns -- in soil and water conservation -- in shelter for wildlife -- and in creating a more pleasant environment for those who actually live and work on the land. Sooner or later the plantation starts paying off in dollars and cents too. There's no doubt about it: "You can bank on trees because trees are like money in the bank"

MONEY IN THE MAKING



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The young trees you plant today will grow in value and become
YOUR TREE BANK OF TOMORROW



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