## Farm managers <br> (Contınued from Page C2)

it belongs because the topsoil is really the heart of the farm operation," said Weston W. Furrer, president of Farmers Natıonal Co. in Omaha, Neb. The farm management firm has more than 60 farm managers working in hine states for several thousand nine sta
clients.
"Most owners are receptive to applying conservation when we pomt out areas on their land that are badly eroded," Furrer said. "We explain that when conservation practices like terraces are built there may be a decrease in production for the first year or two. Over the long term, though,
the land will be more productive. The improvements we make will protect the land and help pay for the cost of the work."
One key to being a good farm manager is having a good tenant, Furrer said. "The tenant is the one doing the work."
Most tenants are receptive to
farming with conservation. "They would rather farm on the contour than fight gullies," sard Furrer.
"Occasionally, we've had tenants fight installing conservation practices. In those cases, we make a tenant change. By the same token, if we have a good tenant who cooperates well on
conservation measures, we tend to favor that tenant when we get another farm in the area," Furrer said.
In Denver, Colo., farm manager David E. Peterson talks of the long-term damage caused by lack (Turn to Page C4)


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