# Farm managers

 $_{\mathrm{i}t}$  belongs because the topsoil is really the heart of the farm said Weston W. operation, Furrer, president of Farmers National Co. in Omaha, Neb. The farm management firm has more than 60 farm managers working in nine states for several thousand

"Most owners are receptive to applying conservation when we point 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," said 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

In Denver, Colo., farm manager David E. Peterson talks of the long-term damage caused by lack

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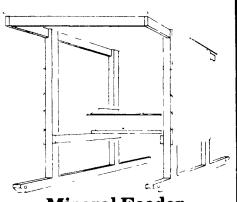


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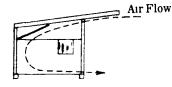
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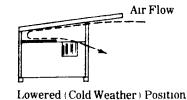
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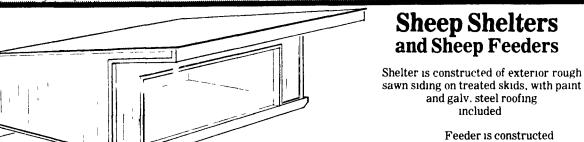
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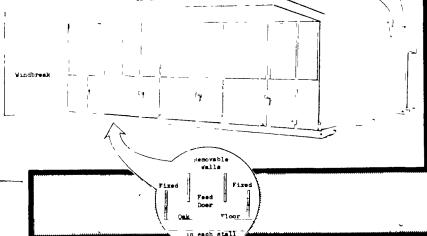
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