

PRODUCTIVITY INCREASED

Any farmer, with average equipment, can hold the soil and build himself a better living through conservation farming—even though his property may present no apparent conservation problems.

In many cases simple contouring can pave the way to higher and more permanent yields on sloping land and on the grazing lands below.

CONTOURING PROMOTES THE CONSERVATION OF SOIL AND WATER.

Contouring has revolutionised arable farming in the United States, Canada, South Africa and Australia. Indeed, it is proving to be one of the most significant agricultural advances of this century.

Contouring is based on the simple, physical fact that the greater the slope the greater the tendency for water to "run off" - carrying precious soil with it. The greater the slope, the greater the scouring capacity of the water.



(Contour cultivation across the slope.)

Contour cultivation across the slope minimises run-off. This may be augmented by furrowing, banking or terracing to prevent further soil erosion.

**PASTURE FURROWS...GRADED BANKS...
BROAD BASE TERRACES...GRASSED WATERWAYS...
STOCK PONDS...DETENTION DAMS**

**CONSERVATION PRACTICES CAN IMPROVE THE
PRODUCTION OF MOST SLOPING LAND**

**NO PASTURE NEEDS
TO BE UNPRODUCTIVE.**

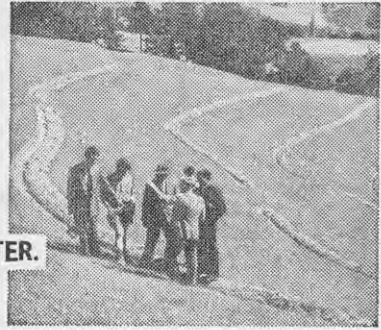
To meet every conservation requirement there is a proven programme available.

Pioneer investigations by catchment boards and Government Departments have resulted in the development of many conservation methods. Advice is free-and subsidy is available for erosion control. Upon application to a catchment board or the Department of Agriculture a farmer can have the land capability of his property assessed and a conservation farming programme prepared and geared to his own resources for a five-year period.



PATTERN FOR PRODUCTION

NO. 3 OF A SERIES.



(Colombo Plan students on Nelson farm.)



(Stock pond)



(Broad base terracing)

BULLETINS AVAILABLE

"Conservation Farming for Hill Country" No. 15
"Giving Wings to Soil Conservation" No. 11.

POST THIS COUPON FOR FREE BULLETINS AND ADVICE TO:

The Soil Conservation and
Rivers Control Council,
P.O. BOX 8024,
WELLINGTON.

Please forward, free of charge the following Conservation Bulletins.

(Nos.) -----

Would you like a field officer to call and discuss your conservation problems? YES/NO

Name -----

Address -----

THE SOIL CONSERVATION & RIVERS CONTROL COUNCIL.