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Conserving Soil

Alfalfa grows in a terraced field on the Arthur Bentley farm in Paoli. The first terraced field was built in Indiana in 1916. (Orange County, 1923)

These men use a carpenter level to determine the terrace construction grade on the Russell Thompson farm in Frankfort. (Clinton County, 1922)
Using a team of three horses to create a ditch and mound dirt for the terrace on the Russell Thompson farm in Frankfort (Clinton County, 1922).
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Here, brush dams and young plantings of black locust trees prevent soil erosion at the Purdue University Horticulture Farm near West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, 1934.

On the Jack Van Natta farm in Battle Ground, a concrete dam stops soil from washing away, Tippecanoe County, 1917.

A truckload of corn cobs dumped into a hog wallow prevents further soil erosion. (N.p., 1957)
A farm pond showing a spillway (Indiana, 1959)

A tile outlet and concrete dam at the end of a sodded waterway tackles an erosion issue. (Benton County, 1960)

Laying tile for drainage along a country road (Hamilton County, IA; 1923)