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This semester we are using the Farm in our Agr. 150 Soils Course by taking samples of a given field on the Farm and allowing the students to use this sample of soil to conduct laboratory experiments. Some of these experiments conducted in the laboratory involve nutrient analysis, pH, organic matter determination, cation exchange capacity, bulk and particle density, etc. At the end of the semester we plan to relate this information to different crops for which the field would be suited.

We have worked with the Soil Conservation Service in attempting to give the students two good labs on soil classification, drainage problems and soil capability, and other aspects of the Soil Conservation Service.

Being interested in the area of animal nutrition, I personally would like to see us initiate a program, which can be coordinated with classroom work, concerning the relative advantages of silage vs. hay, level of grain feeding, and the economic aspects of silage or hay as the source of roughage used on the Farm for milk production.