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A one-way disk building a terrace.

A whirlwind terracer.

An elevator terracer in use.

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What Is a Terrace?

By Harold H. Gilman
Of What Value Are Terraces?

1. Slow down water—so more of it soaks into the ground.
2. Prevent soil washing.
3. Serve as guide lines for contour farming the field.
4. Prevent flooding of land at the bottom of hill.
5. Keep soil and water on the hill—farmers then produce better crops.

How Are Terraces Built?

1. They are surveyed—so that they will help slow down or hold runoff water.
2. They can be built with:
   a. Bulldozers.
   b. Road patrols.
   c. Farm equipment such as plows, one-way disks.
   d. Special equipment such as small elevator graders and special terrace machines.