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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will attend and participate in the Tri-County Soil Conservation Day on the Horrisberger Farm six miles east of LeSueur on Wednesday, September 2.

Senator Humphrey will be among the speakers on the all-day program of demonstrations and competition, sponsored jointly by the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Services of LeSueur, Scott, and Carver counties.

The speaking program will take place at noon.

An ardent conservation advocate, Senator Humphrey will discuss the important role of sound conservation farming to protect the nation's future food and fiber supply for a rapidly increasing population. During his visit here while Congress is in recess, Senator Humphrey has scheduled appearances at several of the state's leading plowing matches and conservation day observances to encourage stimulated interest in and public understanding of the importance of an adequate conservation program. He recently called on Secretary of Agriculture Benson to include a representative of the nation's organized soil conservation districts on the new 15-man Agricultural Advisory Commission, to make sure proper emphasis was given conservation in studies of the nation's farm program.

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Conservation of our natural resources -- our heritage of land, water, timber and minerals -- is the immediate and long-range responsibility of the entire nation, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared today (Wednesday, September 9) in addressing the Tri-County Conservation Day program at the Horrisberger farm near LeSueur, Minnesota.

"Our great natural resources must not only be conserved, but also replenished," Senator Humphrey said. "Ever-increasing demands are being made upon the American economy. The fertility of our soil, the proper use of our water resources, the availability of minerals, the care of forests and methodical reforestation may well determine whether or not America can sustain her position of world leadership.

"The cold war, the demands of an increased population, and the requirements of a higher standard of living all spell out the importance of sound and constructive conservation policies and programs."

If America's per capita food consumption is to be maintained for its rapidly expanding population, it will require the increased production equivalent to finding and farming another 100,000,000 acres of cropland by 1975, Senator Humphrey warned.

"When our forefathers in this country were confronted with an increase in population, they had no worries," Senator Humphrey said. "They simply moved on to new frontiers. They opened up rich, verdant fields which gave abundantly to feed the national family. If we were in the enviable position of our pioneer forebears, we'd have no problem to tax our national technical, economic, and governmental ingenuity. We could get all the food we will need by 1975 by finding and farming another 100 million acres of cropland. That's an amount equal to the entire present cropland of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. That's the amount we would need."

But such new land is no longer available, Senator Humphrey said. "We have used up our land frontiers -- there are no more."

"There are other frontiers, however, in the realm of research -- and in the realm of how well we take care of the soil that is ours," he added. "If we must feed the 200 million population estimated for 1975 off the same acres we are farming today, we're going to need increased emphasis upon well-balanced conservation farming, and a continuing effort to maintain our conservation."

"We're going to need greater attention to research. We're going to be compelled to make more and better use of proper crop rotation, green manure programs, grass waterways, and other sound long-range conservation practices designed to best fit each locality, and each type of farming. We're going to need a sound farm economy, with fair prices which enable the farmer to produce by modern methods, to take advantage of the new discoveries of research, and to wisely follow a sound pattern of permanent conservation farming instead of being compelled by sheer economic necessity to ruthlessly mine his soil for survival, regardless of the consequence in the years ahead."

Locally-organized soil conservation districts, Senator Humphrey said, "can and must lead the way to a greater era of conservation farming" so necessary to the nation's future lifeline of food and fiber.

"City folks must learn their own vital stake in such conservation work, and lend every encouragement to farmers trying to protect the nation's future security by being wise custodians of the productivity of our existing farm lands."

TRI-County Soil Conservation Day
Carver, Scott - Le Sueur Counties

- Ray Wolf
- Le Sueur Board
- Mayor Cord
- Mr Krenik
- Rep Fred Pischel
- Sen Robert

- Population -
- Surplus
- Food for freedom



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