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In the biomass starved Shiwalik foothill ecosystem of the subtropical northern India, this study was conducted to evaluate the production and conservation potential of two agroforestry systems (AFS), namely (i) *Leucaena leucocephala* (K-8) for fuelwood at 2 x 2 m spacing in upper and *Leucaena* (El Salvador) at 0.5 x 0.5 m spacing for fodder in lower canopy (LL), ii) *Leucaena* as above in upper and napier grass (*Pennisetum purpureum*) for fodder in lower canopy (LN). These were compared with (iii) the traditional rainfed crop sequence of sesame followed by rapeseed (SR) and iv) an absolute control of cultivated fallow (CF) on 20 x 8m uniform runoff plots having a 2% slope and a typical light textured eroded gravelly soil (Udic Ustocrepts). The 3-year (1986-1988) mean monsoon season runoff with 816 mm rainfall were 44, 11.2, 20.5 and 23.0%; soil erosion loss 0.28, 1.0, 2.69 and 5.63 tonnes; N loss 6.6, 19.5, 42.5 and 51.3 kg and K loss 1.2, 1.8, 3.0 and 5.0 kg ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ from LN, LL, SR and CF, respectively. The soil profile of SR indicated a deficit of 15, 2 and 14 kg but that of LN and LL a gain of 38, 10 and 20 kg and 66, 26 and 57 kg ha⁻¹ of available N, P and K in 4 years. The AFS were more conservation effective

Additional crops on eroded marginal soil. Inclusion of such systems in the conservation technologies has been suggested.