CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

Farming for the Future in Southern Africa

Conservation agriculture is a sustainable farming concept that increases yields and returns to farm investments while improving food security and protecting the environment through application of three fundamental principles in conjunction with other good agronomic practices:

1. Minimize soil disturbance by planting without ploughing
2. Keep the soil covered with crop residues or cover crops
3. Diversify cropping by rotating and mixing cereals and legumes

To find out more about how Conservation Agriculture can benefit southern Africa, visit your nearest agricultural extension office, FAO office or the following website: www.fao-reosa.org.

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