

**Zero tillage** refers to the [arable land](#) on which no [tillage](#) is applied between harvest and sowing. Zero tillage is a minimum tillage practice in which the crop is sown directly into soil not tilled since the harvest of the previous crop. Weed control is achieved by the use of herbicides and/or appropriate mulching and stubble is retained for erosion control.

## Further information

- [FAO - Soil tillage in Africa: needs and challenges 1993](#) - Chapter 8 Conservation tillage for increased crop production

## Related concepts

- [Conservation tillage](#)
- [Conventional tillage](#)
- [Tillage practices](#)

## Statistical data

- [Agri-environmental indicator - tillage practices](#)