

Farmers thoughts about CTF

- in Australia's northern grain growing region -



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What could threaten a system that “fits together like a boot and a sock”?



Background

- Recent years has seen people consider strategic tillage in a zero tillage, CTF system.



What we did

- GRDC funded project – Does strategic tillage undo long term improvements in soils under zero tillage?
- Market research – gather farmer thoughts and perceptions



Results - Insights into ZT and CTF

- ZT and CTF perceived
 - *'to fit together like a boot and a sock'*
- The best system!!
 - *"Key to turning water in money!"*
 - *"Improve soil structure"*
- There are issues with the system....
 - Threats – Wet weather
 - Issues arising – Rough country, hard to control weeds
- Interest in Tram line renovators
 - *" but I do not like the idea of using good top soil to fill in tracks"*

