

CHAPTER 5

WHEAT AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED OF CONSERVATION TILLAGE METHODS IN ADANA

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1. INTRODUCTION

With the environmental awareness that developed after the 1970s, alternative methods have been developed that minimize the field traffic and work the soil without turning it inside out. The main criterion in this method, which is defined as conservation tillage, is that the field surface is covered with at least 30% plant residue (Köller, 2003; Hobbs and Gupta, 2004; ASABE, 2013).

Purpose and benefits of conservation tillage systems;

- Prevents wind and water erosion,
- Protects and increases the amount of organic matter,
- It reduces moisture loss in the soil,
- Field traffic is minimized,
- Stable and sustainable product yield,
- It saves time,
- Less fuel consumption occurs and provides energy savings,
- Prevents deadly damage caused by burning stubble (Barut, 2009; Kassam and Friedrich, 2012).

There are many studies on the conservation tillage methods

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tions. More importantly, it is a tillage management that is not sustainable in the long run. In this context, it should be aimed to improve environmental factors, increase productivity and reduce production costs by developing an efficient production technique of conservation tillage method in wheat agriculture. For wheat cultivation in Adana region, it is necessary to switch from conventional methods to conservation tillage and reduced tillage methods. The academic studies conducted in the region show that it is of great importance for the development and implementation of conservation tillage methods to be applied in wheat farming for the Adana region.

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