

## Post-harvest or pre-plant raised bed maintenance



## **Incorporate cover crops**

## Simplify field work & control field traffic with permanent raised beds

Many soils can be managed best with minimal tillage. Benefit from improved soil moisture, reduced field work and timely planting, especially for early crops. Work-in residue or cover crops and prepare beds for planting without leveling field.



Front view of double-row coulter gangs

No-till and conservation-till know-how has been around for generations. We have only forgotten in the attempt to pour iron and oil into agriculture while ignoring how nature works for us.

Essential components for conservation tillage equipment are coulters and disks, which cut through residue and rotate to keep machine free from clogging. Conservation equipment also tends to be heavy for many coulters to penetrate. Timing moisture content can be important in some soils for best results, which raised beds helps to manage.

The next step: If planting with residue, whether buried or on top, be sure planter is designed to operate in this condition.