

# Long-term viability. Let's talk soil.

"How do we make more with what we've got? Keeping the soil healthy now means I'll need less inputs down the road — saving me money, so I can retire!"

**Farming:**

Processing tomatoes, sugar beets, corn, soybeans, wheat on 2000 acres.

**Soil story:** My vision for the farm is long-term viability and profitability. Thinking big picture, I knew we needed to save time and labour, use lighter equipment and keep the soil healthy.

Strip tillage was a no-brainer for us. Already we've reduced labour by 50 per cent and fuel usage by 30 per cent.

We're almost there. We'll get consistent tillage depth and nutrients in one-pass in the strip and put the rest of the field under a cover crop.

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