



HEALTHY SOILS

SUSTAINING LIFE

BMP farmers use minimum tillage and retain crop residues in cotton fields. This helps to:

- Improve soil structure, creating less erosion
- Preserves biodiversity of soil micro-organisms
- Improves soil moisture retention, reducing irrigation requirements

BMP farmers use permanent beds – the process where the wheels of the farmer’s tractor always pass along the same track in their cotton fields. This helps to:

- Reduce compaction
- Improve soil moisture retention
- BMP farmers use soil moisture monitoring systems to deliver irrigation water where and when it is needed.

BMP farmers preserve native vegetation along rivers and creeks. This:

- Provides wildlife corridors for native animals
- Is a natural breeding ground for “beneficial insects” that prey on cotton pests
- Improves farm biodiversity

BMP farmers use crop rotations including wheat and legumes to:

- Naturally break disease cycles in crops
- Naturally improve soil structure
- Naturally return nutrients to the soil

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