

Soil quality: Indicators

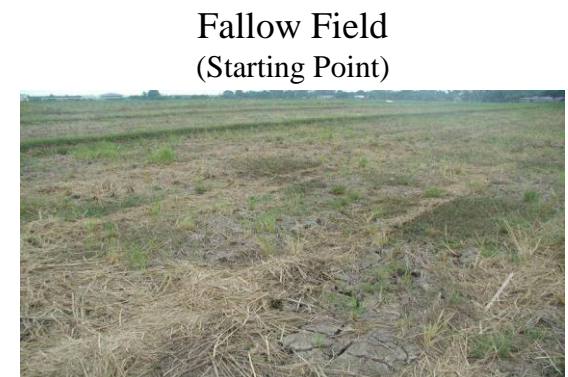
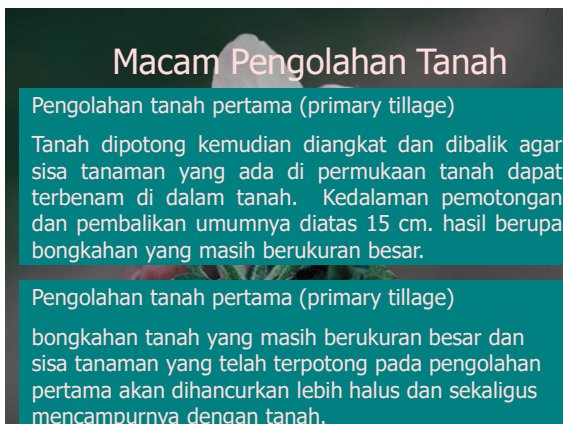
❖ Proposed quantitative indicators of soil quality:

- Texture
- Depth of soil
- Infiltration
- Bulk density
- Water holding capacity
- Soil organic matter
- pH
- Electrical conductivity
- Microbial biomass C and N
- Potentially mineralizable N
- Soil respiration



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❖ Expensive and time-consuming to measure. Another option is to use readily observable, but subjective, ratings of soil quality.



Primary tillage operations



Hasil pengolahan pertama

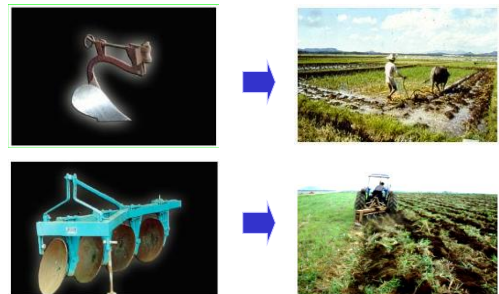


Peralatan Pengolahan Tanah

- Pengolahan Pertama
 - Bajak singkal
 - Bajak piringan
 - Bajak Putar
 - Bajak Pahat
 - Bajak Tanah Bawah
- Pengolahan Kedua
 - Garu piringan
 - Garu sisir
 - Garu bergigi per
 - Garu khusus : pencacah gulma/ seresah, pemotong putar, penggembur tanah



Primary Tillage Implements Moldboard and Disc Plow



Primary Tillage Implements Offset and Chisel plow



Primary Tillage Implements Rotavator



Secondary tillage operations



After secondary working



Secondary Tillage Implements Tandem Disc



Secondary Tillage Implements Tine cultivator



After final dry working



Bagaimana dengan budidaya padi sawah ?



**Mengapa Petani Melumpurkan
tanah sawahnya ?**

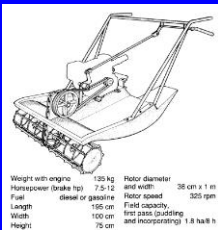
Puddling

- Create hard pan to reduce deep water percolation
- Kill emerging weeds prior to planting
- Level fields
- Softens soil for transplanting

Puddling using 4wd tractor



Puddling using a Hydro tiller



Puddled field prior to planting



Zero tilled field-chemical tillage



Why do we use different plowing patterns?

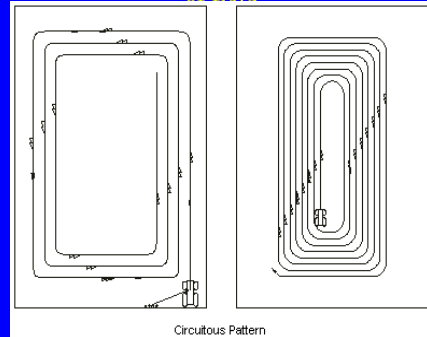


Plowing patterns

- Determined by implement (one-way plow can only throw soil in one direction)
- Determined by desired field levelness-headland most level
- Determined by field shape-long narrow fields
- Determines efficiency (headland pattern most efficient)

Circuitous Plowing Patterns

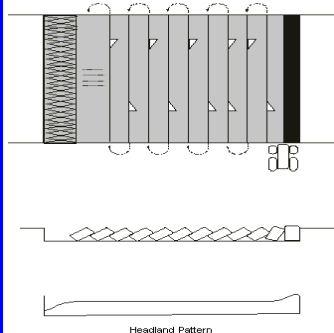
Starts at outside and leaves a furrow in the middle of field



Circuitous Pattern

Headland Pattern

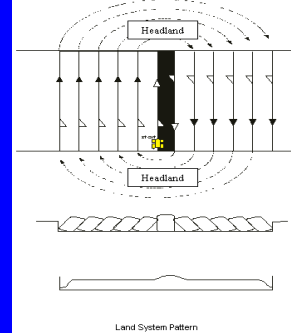
Starts at one end and leaves flat even field



Headland Pattern

Land Plow System

Starts In middle and leaves a level field



Land System Pattern

Tillage - old



Tillage - Modern



- Tillage uses more energy than any other cropping procedure.
- Tillage requires time since lifting the soil and moving it can not be done rapidly.



Remediating compaction through tillage: Subsoilers



Two types of modern subsoilers that break through subsoil compaction while conserving surface residue cover.



Photos by Sjoerd Duiker, Penn State University

Tillage systems: Conservation tillage



Conservation tillage
(photo by Tim McCabe, USDA-NRCS)

Conservation Tillage

Advantages

- energy saving
- time savings
- erosion control

Disadvantages

- cold spring soils
- disease and insect problems
- lower yields
- compaction relief <
- OM incorporation <
- weed control harder

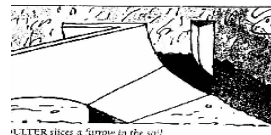
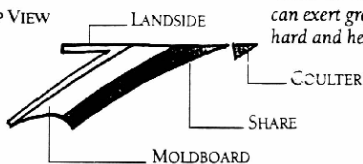
THE MAIN PARTS OF A PLOW

SIDE VIEW



A plow has four main parts, which are all made of steel. The coulter precedes the main body of the plow, which consists of the share, moldboard and landside. The coulter, share and moldboard all act as wedges, and can exert great force to plow hard and heavy soil.

TOP VIEW



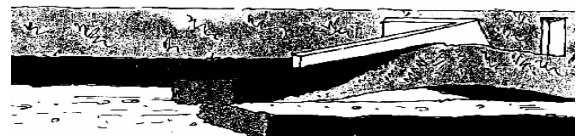
COULTER slices a furrow in the soil.

The coulter creates a furrow by making a vertical cut in the soil. With animal plows, the coulter is a knife-like blade. Tractor-drawn plows normally have disk coulters which are sharp-edged wheels that spin freely as the plow is drawn forward.

The share follows the coulter, making a horizontal and freeing the top layer of soil. Attached to the share is the moldboard, which lifts and turns the layer. The landside is fixed to the side of the moldboard and sits along the vertical wall of the furrow. It thrusts the moldboard outward to move the layer of soil.



SHARE cuts into the top layer of soil.



Roda penyangga



Chisel Plowing



<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docId=7385540777809650&eq=CHISEL+PLOW&start=0&num=0&type=search&index=2>

Chisel Plowing

This system does not turn the soil over, but rather leaves it rough with clods of soil, with plenty of crop residue remaining.

The soil density and amount of covering depends on the depth, size, shape, spacing, of the chisel blades.

The residue and rough, cloddy surface of the soil reduces raindrops impact and reduces runoff velocities, thus reducing erosion.

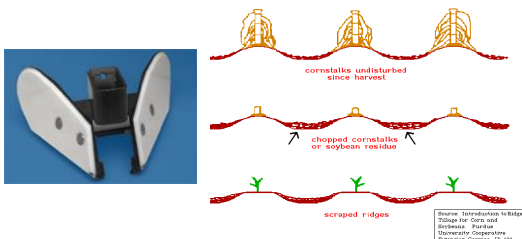
Disk Plowing

- Similar to Chisel plowing, some residues are turned under by the disk lifting and inverting the soil.



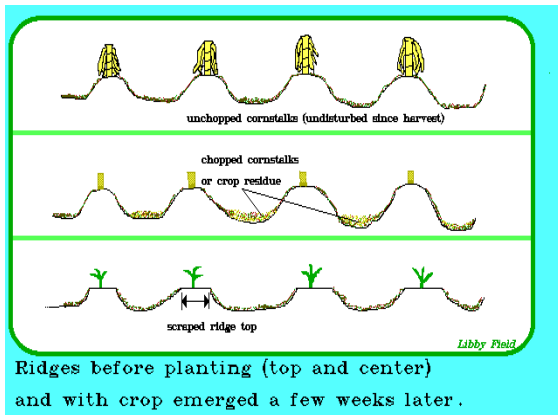
Ridge Tillage

The annual ridges are formed by using a rolling disk bedder, and planting is done after only minor spring seedbed preparation.



Ridge tillage

The extent of soil conservation depends on the amount of residue left and the row direction. Planting on the contour plus increased surface residues greatly reduce soil loss.



Strip Tillage -No Ridge

- Strip tillage aims to retain crop residues, and establish crops with the least amount of soil disturbance while still maintaining crop yield.
 - Strip till techniques often involve fully cultivating a strip that is about one third of the row spacing wide.
 - The rest of the soil is left undisturbed, and provides a good carriage way for vehicles passing through the crop.
- <http://www.google.com/video/vidid=5186497730149079981&gclid=CTE1L2GEdmtrml-50Lkxat-588mm-158kco-18kypc-rcmcc-hqj6mdu-0>
- <http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/vidco/carbon.html>



Coring and top-dressing golf greens



Conclusion

Poorly prepared fields will cause management problems through the following crop.

Symptoms include:

- Poor plant establishment
- Excessive pest / weed burdens
- Uneven crop growth and maturity
- Poor water use efficiency