



# WA No-Till Farmers Association



Number of members: 560  
Founded: 1992  
Location: Statewide, offices in Perth & Northam



Recently celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Western Australian No-Tillage Farmers Association (WANTFA) is the largest agronomic, grower-owned-and-managed group in Western Australia, and the only group in the state that solely focuses on conservation agriculture (no-tillage and zero-tillage systems).

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WANTFA has been built around growers helping growers, endorsing farming practices that support limited soil disturbance, permanent ground cover, diverse rotations, and reduced compaction. The group is largely credited with the widespread and rapid adoption of no-till farming in WA, and continues to generate research and extension outputs that help the State’s growers remain profitable. Forming in 1992, the group has grown to a state-wide membership of 560, and is the largest grower group member of the Grower Group Alliance.

WANTFA has a central site in Cunderdin and satellite sites across the state, including a long-term site at Mingenew. At these sites, trials are implemented to investigate and offer solutions to the barriers to adoption of a permanent stubble retention system. WANTFA’s long-term no-tillage systems farming project, funded by GRDC and based at Cunderdin, aims to provide environmental and economic benefits of the new no-till system will be determined in the long term.





Extension plays an important part in WANTFA's role as the pioneers and leaders of conservation agriculture, undertaking numerous projects including resilient and sustainable production with disc seeding systems, using long-term research to improve the quality of no-till, providing options for growers to boost no-till adoption levels, investigating cover crops, and improving stubble retention. WANTFA also hosts various events throughout the year such as Crop Updates, trial demonstrations, post seeding field walks, spring field days, workshops, and social engagements.

Despite greater than 90 per cent adoption of the no-till seeding system in WA, WANTFA believes the farming practise is far from 'done and dusted'. Continuing collaboration with Conservation Agriculture Alliance of Australia and New Zealand, Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management, the Grains Research & Development Corporation, the Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative, the Department of Agriculture and Food WA, Caring for our Country, and the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation will ensure a continuation of successful research, communication and extension projects well into the future.



For more information on WANTFA, visit their website, [www.wantfa.com.au](http://www.wantfa.com.au).

