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- **Get to know your soils:** Identify the soil type and the wide variety across your farm. Dig holes regularly to look at structure, wetness, stability, etc. Understand each field's soil risks and capability so you can make the most of its assets and protect its risks.
- **Aim for high levels of organic matter:** Soils will be more resilient, improving absorbency, workability, stability and yields.
- **Avoid damage to soil structure:** Keep machinery and livestock off wet soils. Reduce plough use; cultivate and drill in good time and at correct depths.
- **Improve water infiltration:** Remove compaction at the correct depth through subsoiling or surface layer cultivations. Cultivate headlands and tramlines, and inter-row hoe to reduce erosion from wheelings.
- **Protect watercourses:** Fence stock out to give a clear wide margin. Provide drinkers fed by pasture pumps and install stock tracks to protect soils.
- **Use cover crops:** This will protect soils from erosion, improve organic matter and increase crop yields in subsequent years.
- **Keep soil and nutrients on the field:** Move gateways or create silt-traps to capture run-off.

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