



# Conservation Farming Practices Among Yoruba Farmers in Southwest Nigeria: A Policy Perspective

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## Abstract

Conservation farming practices are crucial for sustainable agricultural development in Nigeria's diverse agro-ecological zones, including the Yoruba-dominated Southwest region. The study employed a qualitative approach using semi-structured interviews with selected farmers in Southwest Nigeria, focusing on their perceptions and experiences with conservation farming techniques. Farmers reported significant interest in soil conservation methods such as mulching and crop rotation, indicating a willingness to adopt these practices despite challenges like limited access to inputs and knowledge gaps. While there is enthusiasm for conservation farming among Yoruba farmers, barriers such as inadequate support from extension services remain key obstacles to widespread adoption. Policy recommendations include strengthening farmer training programmes and providing incentives for adopting soil conservation practices.

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