

suggests adoption of mechanical measures alongwith vegetative barriers.

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In this paper, the author summarises the results of an experiment conducted in Doon Valley on large runoff plots (100 x 20 m) at 4 per cent slope having gauging devices. Two vertical intervals (VIs) of bunds (1.0 and 1.3 m) at two grades (0.4 and 0.6 per cent) were tried in strips of maize and cowpea in ratio of 3:1 and 2:1. Erosional losses under the treatments were compared with contour cultivation and cultivated fallow. Runoff was 43 per cent of rainfall and soil loss 54 t/ha in cultivated fallows as against 38 per cent runoff and 21 t/ha soil loss in maize grown on contour. Runoff from bunding and strip cropping ranged from 38 to 45 per cent of rainfall and soil loss was 10 to 14 t/ha with small variations between grades of bunds and ratios of strip crops, but both were quite effective in reducing soil loss over contour cultivation. Yield of maize and wheat remained unaffected as erosion losses were not too high and crops were grown with good management. The strip cropping was found to be economic and as effective as bunding at 4% slope lands. The correlation was highly significant between rainfall and runoff ($r=0.93$ to 0.98), rainfall and soil loss ($r=0.85$ to 0.94) and runoff and soil loss ($r=0.75$ to 0.93).