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Mechanical measures are important component of soil and water conservation programme in any watershed. Mechanical practices are not alternatives to agronomic practices but are complimentary to each other, although each serves a separate purpose. Research experience within the country, has shown that an integrated package of practices such as contour tillage, mechanical measures, conservation agronomical practices not only reduce the soil erosion losses but also improve the crop yields.