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The article gives an account of the characteristics of the black soils which are spread over a large area the peninsular India. It presents the results of practical importance obtained at Research Centre, Bellary in Karnataka State with regard to various soil and water conservation measures including mechanical structures, water harvesting techniques, contour cultivation, etc. It also deals with, in detail, the improved agronomic practices, crops and high yielding varieties of *jowar* and safflower. The alternative measures for appropriate land use under drought conditions are also elaborated.