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Various moisture conservation techniques together with agronomic practices to increase production in Vertisols of arid and semi-arid regions in Karnataka, have been presented. Role of vertical and surface mulches in moisture conservation and consequently higher yields of crops has been highlighted.