CONSERVATION FARMING TECHNIQUES

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) will enter a five-year lease agreement with the Conservation Agriculture and No-Till Farming Association (CANFA), for the demonstration of conservation farming techniques.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said the Wellington Research Centre will become a demonstration site for controlled traffic and precision agriculture.

“This facility will be the only one of its kind in Australia demonstrating this technology to farmers located in highly erodible, undulating, mixed farming country with smaller paddock sizes,” the Minister said.

“It will become the Association’s primary research and demonstration site.”

The SCS benefits from the agreement through industry connections, sound property management and a regular income to assist in maintenance of the entire property.

Mr Kelly said under the lease, CNFA will farm the 147 hectare property and have access to a portion of the SCS administration building for office space.

“CANFA is committed to informing farmers about conservation farming techniques and will continue to demonstrate the latest technologies to its membership and the greater community.”