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Implementation of Best Management Practices in soil cultivation in North and Central Germany

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Soil conservation in arable farming still needs further development. Best Management Practices in soil cultivation are techniques that maintain and improve soil conditions and minimise the risk of degradation.

However, farmers are still reluctant in anticipating these practices. Identifying and overcoming barriers might help to improve acceptance of Best Management Practices. Based on a set of management practices, such as non-inversion tillage, catch crops and crop rotation, we studied farmers attitudes to these practices. Inquieries were carried out in arable regions of Germany to obtain data on farmers perception. Results are discussed in an European context within the Catch-C project.