

CTF in organic farming

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Seasonable CTF



Why CTF?

- Less soil compaction, better soil structure
- Growing in non trafficked soil, less risk
- More nutrients thru mineralization
- Drilling is more precise, youth growth is better
- Less weed
- Better yields
- More workable days



Why in organic farming?

- More passes for weed control and seedbed preparation
- Perfect youth growth is essential for mechanical weed control
- Uniform seedbed is advantage for machines for weed control
- Non trafficked soil -> more mineralization
- More workable days are more useful than in conventional farming
- More yield in some crops
- Healthier soil – healthier plants



Results crops

- Crop yield SCTF relative to yield LGP (= 100)

| year | pea | onion | carrot | spinach |
|------|-----|-------|--------|-----------|
| 2002 | 131 | | | |
| 2003 | | 100 | 93 | 107 |
| 2004 | | 98 | 104 | 115 (142) |
| 2005 | | 110 | 102 | 102 (117) |

- No difference in crop quality
- No differences noticed in attack by diseases

Bron: Plant Research International

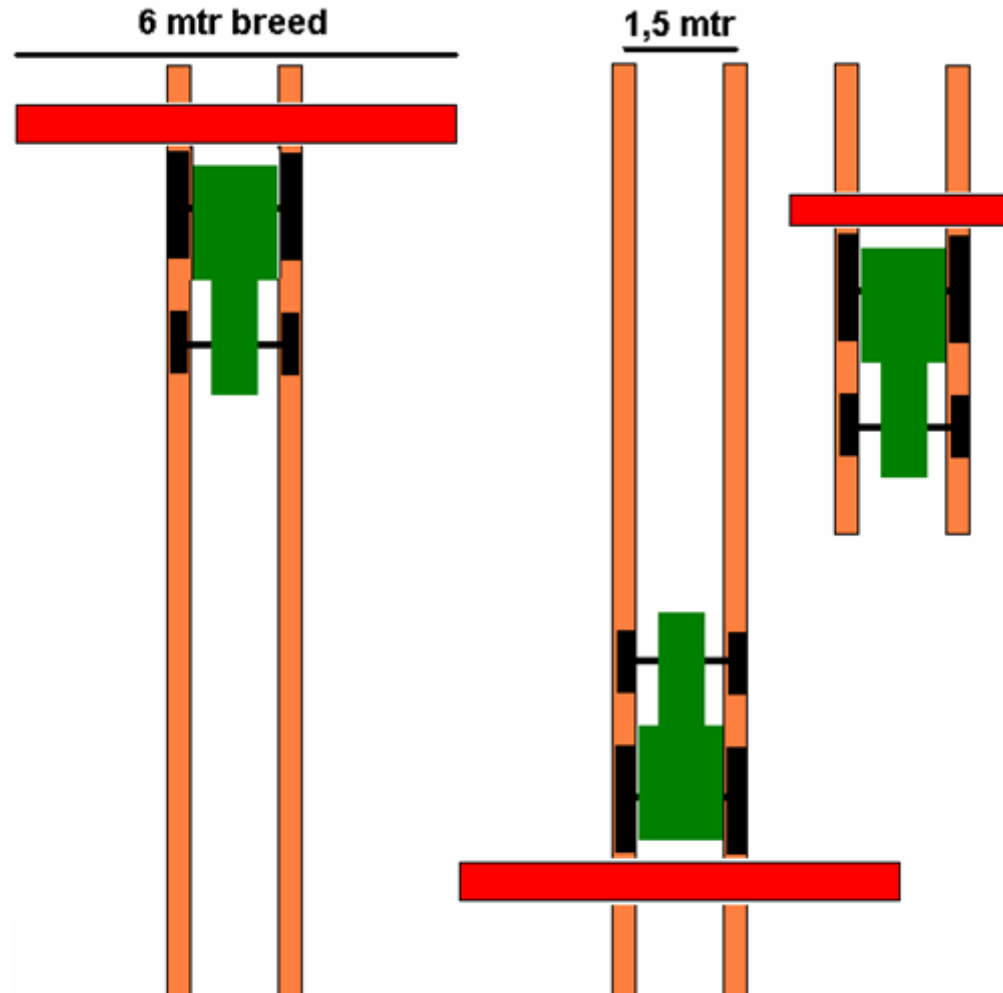
CTF in the early years

- More workable days
- More O₂ in the soil
- Less fuel
- Appr 10% higher yield
- Beter soil structure





Light tractor, 6m working width



Applying slurry from traffic lanes



















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Conservation Agriculture in Organic

Often CTF farms!

- More bearing capacity
- Ploughing does not fit in CTF

And of course the known effects CA:

- Better soil structure
- More water infiltration
- More soil life
- Better for erosion
- Weeds can be a problem (can be advantage to)
- Some other problems (e.g. *Delia Platura*)







CTF and CA: 1+1=3?

- With CTF, tillage is less necessary
- CA works better without compaction
- Traffic lanes remains in place
- Traffic lanes are very usefull for managing CA

One leads to the other!

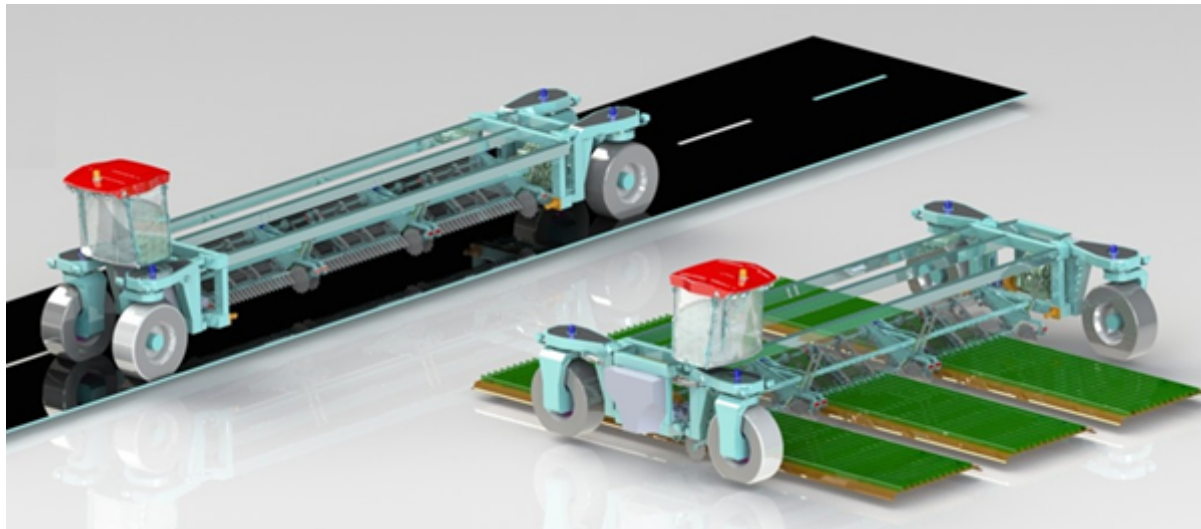
A red tractor is pulling a white implement, likely a tillage or conservation agriculture machine, in a field. The tractor is positioned in the center-right of the frame, moving towards the left. The implement is a long, white, multi-wheeled machine with a series of horizontal bars or tines. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky, suggesting an outdoor agricultural setting.

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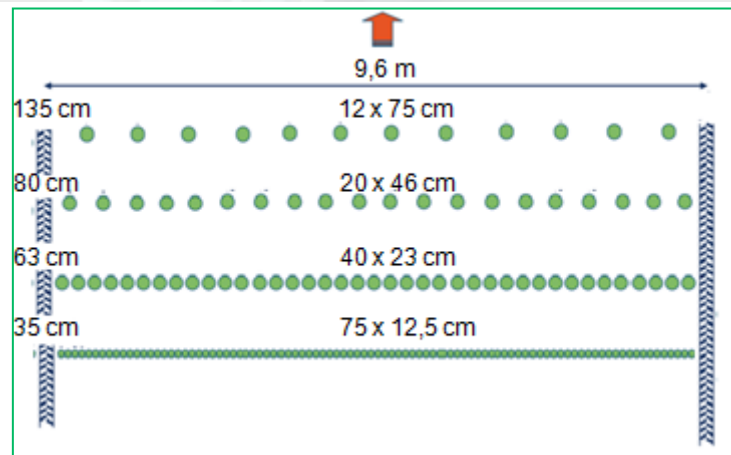
- A lot of clear advantages
- A lot of hidden advantages
- Not everyone is convinced
- 3m+ system is not always easy to use (roads, contractors) however is the most logical system
- 1,5m system is not always easy but it is possible
- CTF do not have more costs for machines and tractors
- sCTF is good, CTF is better
- CA and CTF is a good combination
- Still improvements in CA and CTF



Wide Span – the ultimative CTF solution



CAD: ASA-Lift



Planned system at Brdr. Kjeldahl, Samsø

Interest in Wide Span?

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