

Parallel Terraces

Parallel terraces are so named because they are constructed parallel to each other and, when possible, formed in the direction of field operations. A more specialized form of the parallel terrace is the parallel tile outlet terrace, which is constructed in parallel and discharges runoff through subsurface drains.

Purpose

- Reduces soil erosion by breaking a long slope into several short sections
- Reduces the speed of runoff and amount of soil particles that can be transported in runoff
- Stores runoff collected in the terrace channel for infiltration, or safely diverts runoff to lower ground by grassed waterways or tile outlets
- Eliminates point rows commonly associated with contour terraces, making field operations easier

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