

# FARMING & WATER SCOTLAND



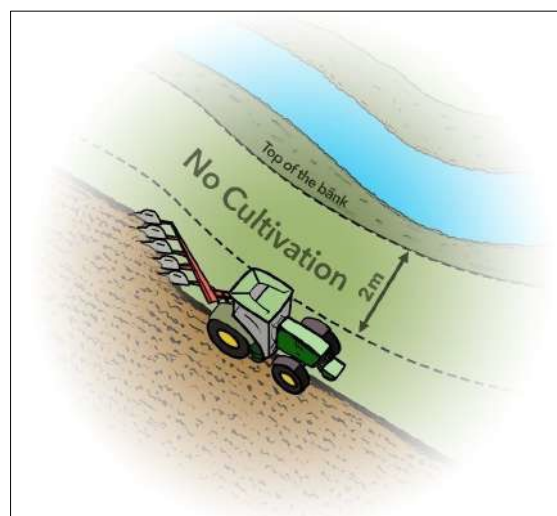
## Cultivation

*Soils in good health can increase yields and decrease pollution risks. Large quantities of soil, land and nutrients can be lost from the farm in a matter of minutes through water or wind erosion.*

Land **must** always be cultivated in a way which minimises the risk of pollution to any surface water or wetland.

Land **must not** be cultivated when it is:

- Within 2 m of any surface water, wetland or shoreline (Figure 11.1).
- Within 5 m of any springs where the water is used for human consumption, or uncapped wells or boreholes.
- Waterlogged.



*Figure 11.1. A minimum 2 m buffer strip must be maintained between the watercourse and any cultivation practices.*

### Definitions:

**Crop** – Any plant grown for a commercial purpose and includes cereals, root crops, grass and trees.

**Cultivation** – The preparation of land prior to planting or harvesting any crop.

**Surface Water** – All standing or flowing water on the surface of the land, transitional water and coastal water.