

TOMATO MINIMUM TILLAGE & COVER CROPS

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My name is Jesus Sanchez, and I was born in 1952 in Mexico. I began my job with Sano Farms in April, 1980. I've been married to my wife Lourdes for 35 years and we presently live in Fresno, California. We have three children, all graduated from college, and living in the Bay Area, San Diego and Fresno, California.

My farming career started back in the early 1970s. Since then, technology has changed considerably which drove me to start precision farming in the mid-1980s.

For the last 12 – 13 years we have been practicing minimum tillage and using cover crops. This has improved the quality of the soil, and the water-holding capacity, and has resulted in better production. We therefore minimize the use of heavy equipment, fuel, and fertilizers, and minimize soil compaction.