



Indiana Soil Health Symposium

The Economics and Benefits of Soil Health

November 16, 2012 9:00 a.m.

2544 Executive Dr, Indianapolis, IN, US, 46241



Feeding the world by helping farmers improve the health of our Nation's soil is one of the most important endeavors of our time. Keeping soil healthy provides the best return on the nation's investment in conservation. Using *Soil Health Management Systems* mean more profitable and sustainable farming. Soil health is not a new concept—it is a return to our roots!

This symposium will feature discussions about the science and economics of soil health, as well as current studies that will help us measure the ecological and economical impact of soil health practices. You'll hear from national and state leaders in the soil health movement, including several farmers who are implementing soil health systems on their land.

Program

Why Soil Health? Why Now?

The Basics—Soil Microbiology

The Bottom Line—Economics of Soil Health

Soil Health Economic Research Project

The Reality—How it Works, Why I Do It

Partner Projects:

- On Farm Network — 3 Years of Research
- Farmer Mentoring Program and Soil Health Success on Reclaimed Mined Lands

Chief Dave White, USDA NRCS

Dr. Kristine Nichols, Soil Microbiologist, USDA ARS

Felix Spinelli, Economist, USDA NRCS

Susan Brocksmith, Professor, Agribusiness, Vincennes University

Indiana Farmers: Ed Britton, Tony Asher, Jack Maloney, and Dave Robison

Jordan Seger, Program Mgr. ISDA, Dan Perkins, Jasper County SWCD,

Hans Kok, Indiana Conservation Cropping System Initiative

Kevin Allison, Daviess County SWCD

You are invited to attend Hoosier Chapter SWCS Annual Meeting on the evening of **November 15th** at Wyndham Indianapolis West at 6:00 p.m. (look for more information on our website soon www.hoosierchapterswcs.org).

Accommodations: A block of rooms has been reserved at Wyndham Indianapolis West. Please call 1-317-248-2481 to make your reservation and mention that you are with the 'Soil & Water Conservation Society' in order to get the \$91 per night room rate. Deadline October 25th www.wyndhamindianapoliswest.com.

Registration Form — 2012 Soil Health Symposium

Name (s): _____

Org/Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

\$50 SWCS Members (\$60 after Nov 2) \$65 Non SWCS Members (\$75 after Nov 2)

\$25 Students (\$35 after Nov 2)

\$35 Retired Conservationist or Spouse/Partner (\$45 after Nov 2)

_____ registration(s) @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

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Total enclosed: \$ _____

_____ please invoice my organization (provide address and a contact name)

_____ attending the Hoosier Chapter Annual Meeting on 11/15 (any meal cost will be paid by individual)

Make Checks Payable to: Hoosier Chapter SWCS

Mail completed registration form with a check to: Angie Garrison, 801 W PEARL ST
LEBANON, IN 46052-2345

(receipts will be available at check-in)

Questions about the symposium? Call 317-295-5892 or email

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Pre-registration is required by November 2, 2012