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Get the Scoop on Soil Health! *Field day Aug. 10 in Harlan, Ind.*

(ST. LOUIS) – What will improve soil health to make farmland more productive, efficient and sustainable for the next generation, and how does it impact the business side? Get the scoop from area farmers and other experts at a field day on Aug. 10 in Harlan, Ind. Education will include:

- Cover crop interseeding into standing corn
- Viewing a cover crop plot
- Improving nutrient efficiency with cover crops/soil biology
- Adding barley to the rotation
- One farmer’s journey to improved soil health

Soil Health Partnership farmer Brian Roemke will host area growers, cover crop experts and neighbors from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Roemke farm, 12125 State Road 101. The Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Purdue Extension, and Indiana Department of Agriculture are co-sponsoring the event.

An initiative of the National Corn Growers Association, the [Soil Health Partnership](#) works closely with diverse organizations including commodity groups, industry, foundations, federal agencies, universities and well-known environmental groups toward common goals.

“This is an opportunity for area farmers to ask the tough questions about improving soil health,” said Dan Towery, Indiana field manager for SHP. “Cover crops, improved nutrient efficiency and no-till can mean more resilient soils, improved yields and better erosion control—but it doesn’t work the same for every farmer or on every piece of land.”

Lunch is provided. Find more details and register prior to the event at soilhealthpartnership.org or with the Allen County SWCD.

Other field days will take place in Indiana later this summer and fall.

About the Soil Health Partnership

The Soil Health Partnership is a farmer-led initiative that fosters transformation in agriculture through improved soil health, benefiting both farmer profitability and the environment. With more than 100 working farms enrolled in more than 10 states, the SHP tests, measures and advances progressive farm management practices that will enhance sustainability and farm economics for generations to come.

SHP brings together diverse partners to work towards common goals. At least a ten-year scientific program administered by the National Corn Growers Association, the SHP's vision is driven by initial and continuing funding and guidance from NCGA, Monsanto, the Walton Family Foundation, the Midwest Row Crop Collaborative, General Mills and USDA, with technical support from The Nature Conservancy and the Environmental Defense Fund. For more, visit soilhealthpartnership.org.

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