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Soil Health Field Days Educate Iowa Farmers on Advanced Practices

Soil Health Partnership hosts events around state this growing season

(ST. LOUIS) – Iowa farmers can learn from experts and peers on how to adopt agricultural practices to improve soil health at a series of field days this summer. Hosted by area farmers enrolled in the [Soil Health Partnership](#), as well as other local organizations, the events will highlight the economic and environmental benefits that come from improved soil health.

The Partnership, with the support of Iowa Corn, plans at least nine [field days](#) throughout the state, from July through September. Confirmed events include:

- July 21: Sioux Rapids, Iowa
- July 26: Waukon, Iowa
- August 2: Washington, Iowa
- August 16: Gilman, Iowa
- Aug. 18: Algona, Iowa
- Aug. 23: Rock Valley, Iowa
- Aug. 25: Eagle Grove, Iowa
- Aug. 29: West Liberty, Iowa
- Sept. 2: Corning, Iowa

“Iowa has some of the richest, most productive farmland in the world. By implementing new practices, we can prevent nutrient loss and erosion, and improve soil structure,” said Elyssa McFarland, Soil Health Partnership field manager for Iowa. “Farmer-to-farmer learning in actual farm environments really tells the story of the difference adopting these practices can make. Our research through this project will quantify that over time as well.”

An initiative of the National Corn Growers Association, the SHP works closely with diverse organizations including commodity groups, federal agencies and well-known environmental groups toward common goals. The Partnership is in its third year with 65 partner farms across eight Midwestern states.

Featured topics at the field days may include:

- Cover crop management and machinery set-up
- Conservation tillage methods
- Advanced nutrient management
- A soil pit to observe cover crop root growth and soil properties
- An update on water quality news

A list of currently planned events and registration can be found at SoilHealthPartnership.org. More events will be posted throughout the summer.

About the Soil Health Partnership

The Soil Health Partnership brings together diverse partner organizations including commodity groups, federal agencies, universities and environmental groups to work toward the common goal of improving soil health. Over a period of at least 10 years, the SHP will identify, test and measure farm management practices that improve soil health and benefit farmers. We believe the results of this farmer-led project will provide a platform for sharing peer-to-peer information, and lend resources to benefit agricultural sustainability and profitability. An initiative of the National Corn Growers Association, we provide the spark for greater understanding and implementation of agricultural best practices to protect resources for future generations. For more, visit soilhealthpartnership.org.

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