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Soil Health Open House in Northeastern Iowa to Feature Soil and Water Experts

Soil Health Partnership hosts Waverly event May 19 on cover crop management, water quality

(ST. LOUIS) – As more Iowa farmers seek innovative farming practices to change the way they care for their land, the Soil Health Partnership helps lead the charge. Leaders will showcase how those practices can create lasting environmental and even economic benefits at a soil health field day near Waverly, Iowa.

Farmer Mark Mueller, with soil health and water quality experts, will be on hand to answer questions from area growers and neighbors. The open house-style event takes place:

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

May 19

Field at the Northeast corner of County Road C-33 and Butler Ave., three miles north of Waverly and one mile west of Hwy 218

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

The field day will feature three information stations where farmers, land owners and community members can do some hands-on learning. Featured topics will include:

- Cover crop management and machinery set-up
- A soil pit to observe cover crop root growth and soil properties
- An update on Iowa water quality news and opportunities for practice cost-share

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. The partnership has begun its third year with 65 test sites across eight Midwestern states.

“The agricultural community is awakening to the positive impact soil health can have on the environment, crop yields and farm economics,” said Nick Goeser, SHP director. “Our farmer-partners are innovators and pioneers—and are our best ambassadors for sharing these soil health practices with their peers.”

Please register for the event at SoilHealthPartnership.org.

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 five-year period, 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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