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Nebraska Field Day Features Advanced Farming Practices

Soil Health Partnership hosts Sept. 7 event in Shelby

(ST. LOUIS) – A field day will dig into the subject of soil health with area farmers on Sept. 7. The [Soil Health Partnership](#) will showcase how changing nutrient management and tillage strategies, along with cover crop adoption, can create lasting environmental and even economic benefits.

“Hopefully farmers are hearing more about the importance of soil health, but we want them to know this goes deeper than just the latest fad,” said Nick Goeser, director of the Soil Health Partnership.

“Farmers have a keen interest not only in making good yields, but in sustaining and preserving their land for generations to come. Improving soil health can help them with both objectives.”

The field day takes place in two locations on Sept. 7:

10:00 — 11:45 a.m.

Central Valley Ag

340 Oak Street

Shelby, NE 68662

12:15 — 2:15 p.m.

Field demonstration at the farm of Greg Whitmore

Intersection of T and Highway 92 near Shelby

Protecting and improving soil is one of the single most effective options for carbon mitigation, Goeser said. When farmers rejuvenate their soil, it stores carbon more effectively. Healthy soil also protects waterways from nutrient leaching—holding nitrogen in the soil for the next crop year.

Hosted by Whitmore, a farmer enrolled in the Partnership, the field day will cover:

- Discussion on practical methods to improving soil, led by Dr. Goeser, an agronomist
- Presentation from the company AgSolver on precision business management
- Cover crops—termination, early season vigor, herbicide interactions and what is working locally
- Strip-till demonstrations and equipment
- Late-season nutrient management
- A soil pit to observe cover crop root growth and soil properties

Farmers, land owners and community members can engage in hands-on learning and group discussions at the event. The Nebraska Corn Board and Corn Growers Association will provide updates and lunch will be served. For more details or to register, visit SoilHealthPartnership.org.

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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.

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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