

Soil Health Partnership Data Privacy and Use Policy

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The Soil Health Partnership, administered by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), places great value on the privacy, security and use of the data our customers (“Soil Health Partnership Demonstration Farmers”) voluntarily share with us through enrollment and participation in the Soil Health Partnership.

Please read the following Soil Health Partnership Data Privacy and Use Policy before enrolling your farm in the Soil Health Partnership to ensure that you understand your options and our goals before you choose to share information from your operation. Your enrollment in the Soil Health Partnership, as indicated by a signed Independent Cooperator Agreement, acknowledges that you agree to our collection, management and use of the information shared with the Soil Health Partnership as defined in this Soil Health Partnership Data Privacy and Use Policy.

All information and data you provide to us, or are collected on your farm when you enroll in the Soil Health Partnership belong to you. We do not claim any ownership and your data and information remain yours after collection. By sharing your data and information, you acknowledge that you have the right to share your data and information with the Soil Health Partnership.

By signing this agreement, you agree The Soil Health Partnership may use and release your data and information in the following ways:

Data and Information Retention

The Soil Health Partnership shall provide you all laboratory analysis results, project summaries and post-data analysis results within 60 days of receipt by NCGA. All your data and information collected across the Soil Health Partnership will be managed by the NCGA. NCGA can retain your data and information for future analyses deemed, in the sole judgment of the NCGA and Soil Health Partnership members, to advance the agronomic and scientific understanding of soil health. All your historic data will be available for release to you at your written request.

Data Analysis

The Soil Health Partnership may temporarily release your anonymized, georeferenced data and information to university faculty, data analysis consultant, or qualified entity for data analysis upon the receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement from the service provider. The confidentiality agreement will ensure your data and information are not released by the service provider and your data and information are deleted by the service provider after analysis.

Public summaries and reporting

The Soil Health Partnership may use and release anonymized and aggregated (at a multi-county) data and information for project summaries, grant reports, public reporting and other venues deemed, in the sole judgment of the NCGA and Soil Health Partnership members, to advance the sharing of knowledge about soil health practices.