Indiana Field Days Highlight Soil Health Practices

Soil Health Partnership events focus on cover crops, nutrient management and conservation tillage

(ST. LOUIS) — From the novice to the experienced, Soil Health Partnership’s field days scheduled for this summer and fall offer education in advanced farming practices for Indiana farmers. They can learn from experts and peers about the economic and environmental benefits of improved soil health.

The events—currently slated for August through September—are hosted by area farmers enrolled in the Soil Health Partnership, as well as other local organizations. Confirmed events include:

- Aug. 11: Harlan, Ind.
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- Aug. 17: Frankfort, Ind.
- Aug. 23: Tippecanoe, Ind.
- Aug. 24: Stockwell, Ind.
- Aug. 25: Remington, Ind.
- Sept. 6: Auburn, Ind.

“Field days allow farmers and experts to share information and success stories and to troubleshoot issues with new farming techniques,” said Dan Towery, a Soil Health Partnership field manager in Indiana. “Working with peers is critical to successful implementation of new farming strategies like cover crops, advanced nutrient management and conservation tillage.”

An initiative of the National Corn Growers Association, the Partnership 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 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.

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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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