SOIL HEALTH SUMMIT 2019
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Visit www.ncga.com to learn more about efforts to strengthen soil health and improve the quality of the water we use and air we breathe.
Welcome to the Soil Health Summit!

We appreciate your investment in soil health and this event for the next two days. Your commitment is energizing and inspiring.

As we enter 2019, the Soil Health Partnership stands at a crossroads. Our organization has grown considerably, while the world around us has also changed. As we watch the evolving landscape, we must constantly ask how we can improve our delivery and increase our impact.

We intend for this event to stir the ongoing dialogue about agriculture, as it stands today and in the future. We encourage you to connect with each other, and to create new connections and collaborations. New partnerships and alliances will help us grow stronger and better in a movement that becomes ever more critical for agriculture and consumers alike. SHP has excelled with diverse partners at our table, and we hope you continue to help us build this network.

Today, farmers face unprecedented headwinds, creating challenges that cause some to question where sustainability falls as a priority. We firmly believe sustainability through soil health means weathering these shocks, increasing resiliency and ensuring farms and land are healthy and viable now, and for future generations. This Summit marks the first time we have a fully analyzable set of year-over-year data. We look forward to sharing these initial insights.

I want to thank our passionate SHP staff and our colleagues at the National Corn Growers Association for their ongoing commitment to soil health. We are also so grateful to our diverse sponsors. This year, over 60% of the support came from farmers in state and national corn groups further outlining the commitment by farmers!

Please take the time to say hello to our staff, and to me. I’m excited to meet you, and hope you have a productive and invigorating meeting.

We are truly “Rooted in Data, Growing Success.”

Shefali V Mehta, Executive Director
Soil Health Partnership

Make sure to follow us on Twitter @SoilPartners and use the hashtags #SoilSummit19 and #SoilSmart when posting your photos and comments!
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Soil health represents one of the single best opportunities to benefit the entire agricultural supply chain, from the farm to the table. More resilient farms, improved economics during trying times, reduced greenhouse gases and increased biodiversity, as well as sustainable products consumers can feel good about are just some of the reasons the commitment to soil health in the agricultural supply chain is stronger than ever. Our opening session connects the dots for soil health across the ag and food value chain. We’ll look at what farmers are doing, why they should share it and how they can prepare for the future. We’ll hear from top food companies on why this effort is key to their business and sustainability strategies, and how it can ultimately improve the outlook for everyone. We’ll also hear from top environmental partners on the impact this collaboration and effort can make. Also, this marks the first time the Soil Health Partnership has three years of consistent data from working farms to interpret and share insights. Find out what we’ve learned!

**General Session: Connecting the Dots: How Soil Health Adds Value from Farm to Table**

**Grand Ballroom D&E**

**A New Year in Soil Health**
- Dr. Shefali Mehta, Soil Health Partnership (SHP)
- Dr. Maria Bowman, SHP

**Policy, Science and Soil Health: A Discussion with NGOs**
- Larry Clemens, The Nature Conservancy
- Carrie Vollmer-Sanders, The Nature Conservancy
- Suzy Friedman, Environmental Defense Fund
- Dr. LaKisha Odom, Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research

**Consumers, Markets and Soil Health: The Midwest Row Crop Collaborative Panel**
- Sean Arians, Bayer Crop Science
- Townsend Bailey, McDonald’s
- Ryan Siroli, Cargill
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Speaker: Brent Sunderlage, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Moderator: Abigail Peterson, SHP

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Speakers: Townsend Bailey, McDonald’s and Ryan Sirolli, Cargill
Moderator: Elyssa McFarland, SHP

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Speaker: Nathan Fields, National Corn Growers Association
Moderator: Tricia Verville, SHP
Session 4  
**Landowners and Soil Health: How to Have a Productive Relationship**  
Grand Ballroom A  
Whether you’re renting an apartment, a house or your farmland, doing the renovations you want takes buy-in from the landlord. This interactive discussion will provide some tips for having a soil health conversation with landowners…to meet grower goals while helping landowners maintain and improve their land asset.  
**Speakers:** Pipa Elias, The Nature Conservancy and Randy Dell, The Nature Conservancy  
**Moderator:** Alex Fiock, SHP

Session 5  
**Learning the Ropes of Cover Crop Grazing**  
Grand Ballroom G  
Have you heard about the potential soil health benefits of grazing livestock on cover crops and wondered if that might be a good option for you? This session will share some economic case studies of producers who have integrated cropping and livestock enterprises with cover crops. It will also provide you with some guidance on how to assess if this would be a profitable change for your operation.  
**Speaker:** Lauren Cartwright, Missouri Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)  
**Moderators:** Jim Isermann, SHP & Lisa Kubik, SHP

Session 6  
**Using the Soil Health Toolbox to Manage In-Field Variability**  
Grand Ballroom H  
This session will focus on the strengths of building soil health to help improve your overall bottom line of every acre in every field.  
**Speaker:** Dave Muth, EFC Systems  
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Grand Ballroom G

Cover crops can add value to any livestock operation... including retaining manure nutrients within the soil, and reducing compaction from application. Learn what cover crops work best and what to expect from this practice.

Speaker: Melissa Wilson, University of Minnesota
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7:00 – 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast
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Time machines and jet packs may not fulfill our vision of the future anymore...but there’s still plenty of room for dreaming. In this session, we’ll hear the farmer perspective, representing different commodities, on major opportunities in the near-and-long-term future. We’ll hear from our leaders about the future of the Soil Health Partnership, including news on the SHP Associate Program and more. And we’ll engage in some “tech talk,” looking at the latest in Ag technology...as well as some Ag tech on the horizon that may just knock your Back to the Future self-lacing Nike Air Mags off!

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.  General Session: Welcome to the Future
Grand Ballroom D&E
Farmers Blazing a Trail in Soil Health
• Wayne Hurst, National Wheat Foundation
• Kevin Ross, National Corn Growers Association
• Karen Scanlon, Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy

Technology and Tools Shaping the Future of Soil Health
• Ken Copenhaver, CropGrower LLC
• Dr. Nick Ward, Ward Laboratories, Inc.
• Eric Lund, Veris Technologies

Into the Future: the Soil Health Partnership
• Dr. Shefali Mehta, SHP
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Speaker: Katie Pinke, Charleston|Orwig
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Sean Arians, Ag Environmental Business Development Lead, Bayer Crop Science

Sean leads efforts to identify, develop and advance external collaborations for Bayer Crop Science. These collaborations work to promote soil health, water quality, carbon emissions reductions and modern Ag practices. As a graduate from Illinois State University, Sean has held various marketing and product support roles throughout his career. He is the fourth generation to farm his family’s centennial farm in Northwest Illinois raising corn and soybeans. Sean uses cover cropping and no-till practices as part of his operation. He has served on the American Farm Bureau Federation Technology Issues Advisory Committee and county farm bureau board. He enjoys promoting technology in his free time. He shares his views on these topics via Twitter as @ag_guy04.

Townsend Bailey, North America Sustainability Director, McDonalds

Townsend works with product leads, suppliers, industry and stakeholders to integrate sustainability into McDonald’s food sourcing strategies from the farm to the front counter of McDonald’s 15,000+ restaurants in the U.S. and Canada. He joined McDonald’s in 2011 as global sustainability manager, where he created McDonald’s first comprehensive Sustainable Sourcing Guide and designed McDonald’s first global tool for collecting data on raw material sustainability. He has also served as the global lead for packaging and happy meal premiums in McDonald’s Worldwide Supply Chain. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in classical studies from Villanova University, a Master of Education from the University of Notre Dame, and an MBA from Georgia State University. Townsend lives in Oak Park, Illinois and enjoys sailing, cooking and spending time with his wife and daughters.

Dr. Maria Bowman, Lead Scientist, Soil Health Partnership

Dr. Bowman’s primary role is to lead the scientific and data plan for the Soil Health Partnership, specifically overseeing its collection, organizing it, and providing analysis and summaries to the SHP field staff, grower community, scientific community, and to their collaborators and partners. Maria comes to the SHP having worked as a research agricultural economist for the United States Department of Agriculture. She holds a Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics from the University of California, Berkeley. She earned her Master of Science in forest economics and management from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and her undergraduate degree in environmental science from Juniata College. A native of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, Maria grew up surrounded by agriculture. She makes her home with her husband in Maryland, where she enjoys gardening, cycling, hiking, relaxing around a campfire and tackling home and yard projects.
Larry Clemens, North America Agriculture Program Director, The Nature Conservancy

Larry is helping to guide the comprehensive approach to agriculture and conservation by advancing legislative policy, developing partnerships, and scaling up adoption practices such as cover crops, conservation tillage, and nutrient management. Most recently, Larry was Assistant State Director for Conservation in the Conservancy’s Indiana program, responsible for the strategic planning and management of the chapter’s conservation efforts. Larry serves on the Conservation Technology Information Center’s Board of Directors and is also a member of the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board, which provides oversight and direction for the Clean Water Program in Indiana. Ultimately, Larry’s goal is to provide farmers a means to meet the growing demand for food production while protecting critical lands and waters for both people and nature. When he’s not working, Larry enjoys spending time with his wife, Mercedes, and their kids, Christopher and Maria, at home in Angola, Indiana.

Ken Copenhaver, Principal, CropGrower LLC

Ken has over 25 years of experience in developing remote sensing and GIS solutions. From 1994 to 1999, he developed remote sensing and GIS applications to encourage environmentally-friendly applications for agriculture for NASA and the USDA as a contractor with the Institute for Technology Development including the development of the Mississippi Land Cover and Land Use Map. From 1999 to 2006, he developed a patented GIS/remote sensing-based system for pest identification in genetically modified corn for the USEPA. He also has a patent-pending for a corn yield prediction process using satellite imagery. From 2006 to present, he has been involved in several land use/land use change products for the National Corn Growers Association, the Illinois Corn Growers Association and Argonne Laboratories. Currently he is performing applied research for several organizations and companies including the NCGA, the Nature Conservancy and Monsanto. He has a B.S. and M.A. from Indiana State University in geography.

Suzy Friedman, Senior Director of Ag Sustainability, Environmental Defense Fund

Suzy plays a lead role in EDF’s work to collaborate with farmers, grower organizations, agribusinesses, food companies and retailers to improve the resilience and sustainability of the U.S. agricultural system. Suzy specializes in developing partnerships with key agricultural stakeholders to engage the full supply chain, leverage policy and bring conservation to scale. Guided by science and economics, she focuses on conservation practices that improve farm productivity and profitability, climate stability, water quality and resilience to extreme weather. Suzy has been at EDF since January 2001. Suzy received a B.A. in history and environmental studies from Princeton and a master’s in environmental science and policy from Johns Hopkins.
Wayne Hurst, Chairman, National Wheat Foundation

Wayne owns and operates a commercial-sized, diversified family farm near Burley, Idaho. Hurst has served on the National Wheat Foundation Board since 2013. For college, he attended Brigham Young University and Idaho State University, majoring in business. He is a past president of the Idaho Grain Producers Association and the National Association of Wheat Growers. He currently serves as a member and the vice-chairman of the Rail Shipper Transportation Advisory Committee to the Surface Transportation Board and has considerable expertise regarding rail transportation’s importance to shippers and the U.S. economy. He’s also carried out a two-year mission for his church in Chile and speaks Spanish fluently. Hurst’s most valued titles are that of husband, father, and grandfather. He has been married to his wife, Sherrie, for 38 years, and they have five children, all who are married. They have been blessed with ten grandchildren.

Eric Lund, President and Co-Founder, Veris Technologies

For the past 20+ years Eric and his team at Veris have pioneered on-the-go soil sensing and developed the market for soil mapping technology worldwide. Veris soil maps are being used to finetune applications of nitrogen, seed, irrigation, soil amendments, and other inputs on crops ranging from peanuts to potatoes, corn to coffee, and from soybeans to sugar cane. In addition to his role at Veris, Eric operates a wheat, corn, sorghum, and soybean farm in central Kansas. Lund Farms was an early adopter of long-term no-till and many precision practices, including on-farm trials of soil amendments, nitrogen, row spacings, deep tillage, and variable seed populations.

Dr. Shefali Mehta, Executive Director, Soil Health Partnership

Dr. Mehta grew up in New England, from early on in her childhood she had a fascination with plants. Through her higher education and work with agriculture throughout the U.S. and the world, she followed her passion, launching a notable career as an agricultural and environmental economist. Shefali received her Ph.D. in agricultural and applied economics, and a master’s degree in statistics, from the University of Minnesota. She also holds an MPhil in economics from Cambridge University, and a B.A. in Economics from New York University. Shefali is currently the co-founder and CEO of an agricultural technology start-up, Ceres Wave, and also founded and leads Open Rivers Consulting Associates. In prior positions, she worked in roles across private, public and nonprofit sectors at organizations including McKinsey and Company, Syngenta, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, St. Olaf College, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and the American Cancer Society. Shefali resides in the Washington, D.C. region. She enjoys scuba diving, kayaking and traveling.
Dr. LaKisha Odom, Scientific Program Director, Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research

Dr. Odom joined the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research in September 2016 to pursue her commitment to promoting the use of innovative science and interdisciplinary thinking to tackle today’s complex challenges in food and agriculture. She is also extremely committed to cultivating increased diversity in a new generation of food and agriculture scientists. At FFAR, Dr. Odom spearheads scientific direction of the Healthy Soils, Thriving Farms challenge area and manages a portfolio of projects that address issues in soil health, water scarcity, plant efficiency, ecosystem services, and developing the next generation of food and agricultural scientists. Dr. Odom received her B.S. in environmental science from Tuskegee University, her M.A. in environmental resource policy from The George Washington University and her Ph.D. in integrative biosciences from Tuskegee University.

Kevin Ross, First Vice President, National Corn Growers Association

Kevin is a sixth-generation family farmer. Kevin and his wife, Sara, grow corn, soybeans, alfalfa and run a 140-head cow/calf operation near Minden, Iowa. On their farm they grow corn using no-till methods, and someday hope to pass the farm onto their four young sons: Hudson, Axten, Carver and Hollis. On the national level, Ross serves on the Resolutions Committee, the Finance Committee and as the association’s representative to the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center. Prior to his term on the Corn Board, Ross served on NCGA’s Ethanol Committee, Public Policy Action Team and as a member of the CornPAC. Ross is a former president of the Iowa Corn Growers Association and former chair of the Iowa AgState Initiative. He has also served as a director of the Iowa Corn Growers Association. As a board officer for Western Iowa Energy, a biodiesel plant, he served as a representative to the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association.

Carrie Vollmer-Sanders, Nutrient Strategy Manager, The Nature Conservancy

Carrie helps coordinate the Conservancy’s efforts to reduce nutrient loading from agricultural land to freshwater and oceans. Under Carrie’s leadership, the Conservancy has expanded its outreach by developing partnerships with a broad base of stakeholders. Prior to Carrie’s current role, she was director of the Western Lake Erie Basin Project for The Nature Conservancy, where she brought diverse groups together to develop the 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification Program. In 2014, she was honored for her efforts by receiving the White House Champion of Change Award from President Obama for her work to reduce agricultural runoff into Lake Erie. Before joining the Conservancy in 2010, Carrie worked for Michigan Farm Bureau as their agricultural ecology specialist. She has a bachelor’s degree in agriculture education and a master’s degree in agricultural economics, both from Michigan State University. Carrie and her husband, Ryan, have two sons, Ethan and Isaac, and farm in Ohio and Indiana.
Karen Scanlon, Senior Vice President of Sustainability Initiatives, Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy

Karen is responsible for driving industrywide adoption of common dairy sustainability measures, managing the Dairy Sustainability Alliance® to facilitate value chain engagement, publishing the Sustainability Report and coordinating the annual Dairy Sustainability Awards. She also develops and manages partnerships with a wide variety of stakeholders, including agriculture sustainability leaders, environmental and conservation organizations, government and industry partners, customer partners and more. Karen brings extensive leadership experience in partnership development, strategy development and execution, and agriculture conservation initiatives after serving as executive director of the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) for 11 years. In this role, she worked with strategic partners in the public and private sectors to build innovative and effective programs to achieve sustainability goals and success in a variety of conservation efforts across the United States. Karen holds a Bachelor of Science in journalism from University of Florida and a Master of Science in natural resources management from The Ohio State University.

Ryan Sirolli, Sustainability Director, Cargill

Ryan leads strategy development and implementation of row crop sustainability programs and initiatives across Cargill’s enterprises. Focus areas include optimizing farmer productivity and prosperity while lessening impact on water and climate through scalable adoption of soil health best practices and supply chain alignment. Ryan has spent his entire career working along the food and agriculture value chain. His experiences range from managing a row crop and beef operation in Maryland to creating integrated supply chain solutions between dairy producers, growers and consumer packaged goods (CPG) companies. More recently, he has led the launch of Danone North America’s soil health program before returning to Cargill to lead row crop sustainability within Cargill’s Sustainability Hub. Ryan holds a B.S. in animal science from Virginia Tech and a M.S. in economics from the University of Delaware.

Dr. Nick Ward, President, Ward Laboratories, Inc.

Originally from Wamego Kansas, Nick received his B.S. and M.S. in agronomy from Kansas State University in 2007 and 2010, respectively. His master’s work focused on phosphorus fertilizer placement and fertilizer enhancement products. In August of 2015, he completed his PhD at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln focusing on active crop sensors for use in nitrogen management in irrigated environments. At Ward Labs, Nick focuses on day to day operations of the lab while working with a research team to explore new tests that would help farmers, ranchers and home owners. The most rewarding aspect of the job is working with customers to better understand and how to use their laboratory test results to better their operations. Nick is married with four children and enjoys playing golf in his free time.
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About the Soil Health Partnership

The Soil Health Partnership is a farmer-led initiative that fosters transformation in agriculture through improved soil health, benefiting both farmer profitability and the environment. With more than 140 working farms enrolled in 14 states, the SHP tests, measures and advances progressive farm management practices that will enhance sustainability and farm economics for generations to come. SHP brings together broad and diverse partners to work towards common goals. Administered by the National Corn Growers Association, the SHP’s vision is driven by initial and continuing funding and guidance from NCGA, Bayer, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, The General Mills Foundation, Midwest Row Crop Collaborative, National Wheat Foundation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy, the Pisces Foundation and the Walton Family Foundation.

For more, visit soilhealthpartnership.org.