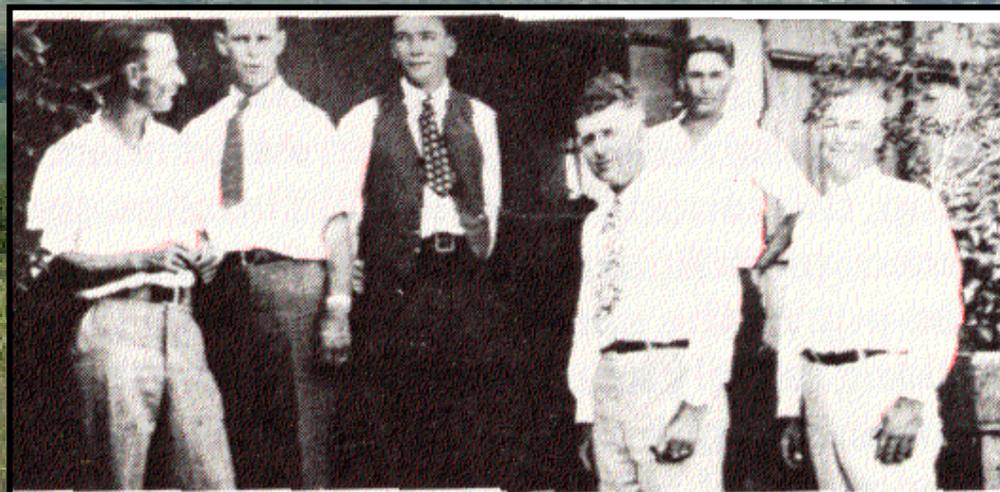


NCSS-Regional Conferences-Highlights & Recommendations

North Central Region-Medora, North Dakota; June 25-30th, 2006

*Respect for the past, racing towards the future-
soil survey in the North Central region*



L-R: C.J. Fax, W.H. Buckhannon, Unknown, A.C. Anderson, R. Erickson, E.W. Knoble, McKenzie County, 1832.



*Workers in the vineyard?
875 Field SS in 1983
501 in 2006*

Keynote address and issues raised

“Rationale for a 2nd generation of Soil Taxonomy

Differentiation of dynamic and pedogenic steady state properties”

Dr. Neil Smeck Ohio State University

Taxonomy and Standards Committee:

Much discussion on keynote-

Endorsed the concept of a 7th level in Soil Taxonomy

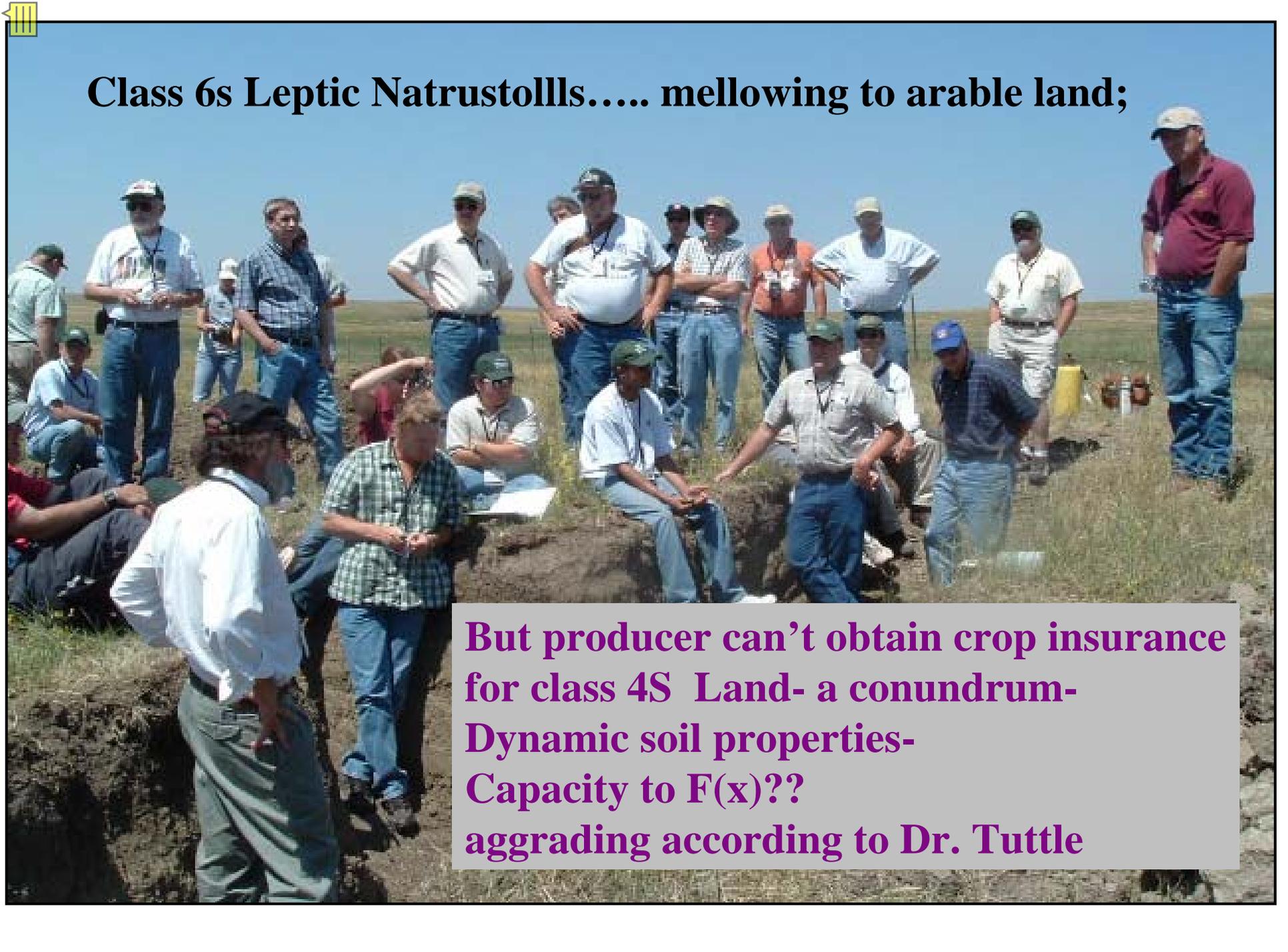
To address “disconnect” between human activity and historic taxonomic concepts, i.e., the “genetic thread”

This issue found resonance in the Interpretations Comm.

Theme surfaced at the World Congress in Philadelphia

Dr. Jeffrey Sachs -proposal to rename the Holocene, the “Anthropocene” and finally acknowledge that the Earth’s ecosystem processes have been modified (*expropriated*) by human kind

Class 6s Leptic Natrustolls..... mellowing to arable land;



**But producer can't obtain crop insurance
for class 4S Land- a conundrum-
Dynamic soil properties-
Capacity to $F(x)$??
aggrading according to Dr. Tuttle**

Themes of Conference:

New spatial technologies-overview:



Featured speakers:

Amanda Moore GIS Spec., Morgantown, WV

Jackie Henderson, IT/GIS Spec., BuRec, Bismarck, ND

Dwain Daniels, SS, NRCS, TX

Themes of Conference:

New spatial technologies-applications:

Featured speakers:

**Rebecca Phillips and Ofer Beer, ARS and UND
Mandan and Grand Forks, ND**

David Franzen NDSU, Fargo, ND

Paul Gessler, Univ of Idaho, Moscow, ID

