

# **NSSC Update**

**National Soil Survey Center**

# MLRA Soil Survey Areas (146)

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- 113 Offices Established
- 108 GS-12 Soil Survey Leaders Selected
- End of FY 08 122 offices and 122 Soil Survey Leaders
- End of FY 09 141 offices and 141 Soil Survey Leaders

# Personnel

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- Larry West reported in February
- Cindy Stiles reported in November
- Rebecca Burt returned in February
- Expect Several Retirements this next Year
- Need to fill at least 3 positions ASAP  
(Standards, Lab Operations, Research SS)

# Marketing

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- American Society of Landscape Architects
- American Planning Association
- Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants
- National Science Teachers

# Training

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## Soil Geomorphic Institute

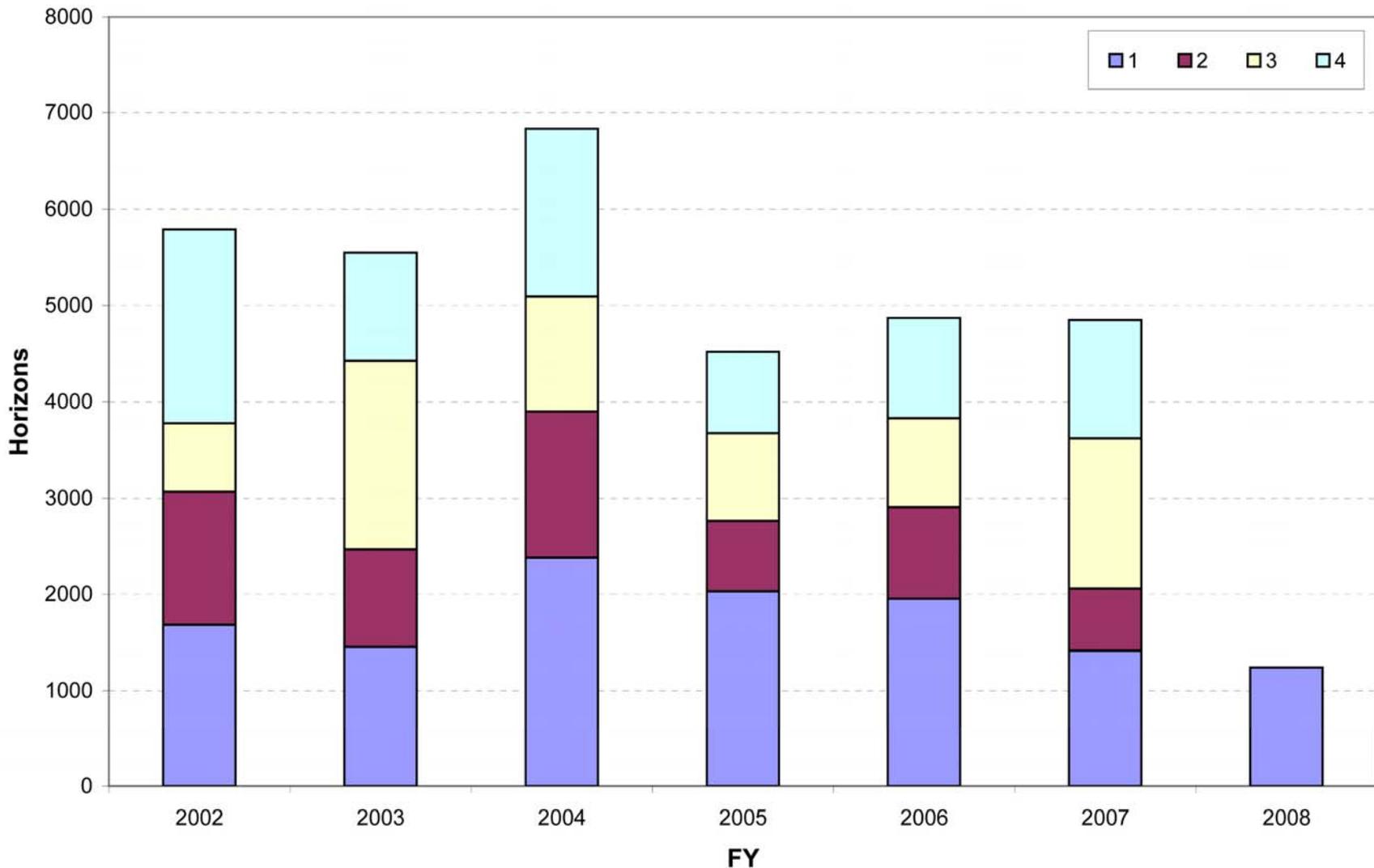
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  - New Mexico State University – March
  - Penn State University- November
- FY09
  - Alabama A&M
  - Texas A&M
- FY10
  - University of California – Davis
  - North Dakota State University

# Characterization Data

Cooperating University	Pedons	Data Entered	Data Validated	Metadata	Descriptions
Auburn	300				
Cornell	800	Yes		Yes	
North Dakota State	1,700	Yes		Yes	
Purdue	1,600	Yes			
California-Davis	1,500				
Idaho	350				
Illinois	2,177	Yes	Yes		
Minnesota	350	Yes			
Virginia Tech	1,700				
Arkansas	1,616	Yes		Yes	Partial
Ohio State	3,213	Yes			Partial

# Characterization Data

Horizons Sampled per Quarter



# Liaison Duties

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- More – Not Less
- New Liaison Assignments
- Data Gaps
- Project Plans

# Special Expenditures

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- Tablets for the Field
- MLRA Soil Survey Office lab equipment
- Upgrade and replace lab equipment

# National Gypsum Study Task Force

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Purpose:

Meet rapidly emerging needs concerning forms, distribution, and behavior of gypseous soils

# Working Groups

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- Morphology/Classification
- Laboratory Methods and Analysis
- Interpretations
- Geomorphology

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## Requests for Assistance from the Center for FY 09

The NSSC is here to help