NRCS’ Approach to Soil Health

Encouraging the adoption of a long-term system of conservation practices

Soil Health is an approach to managing soil to its optimum potential through a system of conservation practices. This approach results in healthy soil that:

- reduces erosion;
- requires less nutrient inputs;
- manages the effects of flood and drought;
- reduces nutrient pollution to rivers and streams;
- enhances wildlife habitat; and
- reduces sediment pollution to rivers and streams;

The desired result for Indiana cropland is improved soil and water quality, and profitability for Hoosier farmers. A sustainable cropping system allows a farmer to efficiently produce food, feed and fiber in an environmentally sound manner.

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