

# Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service State Technical Advisory Committee



**Dates:** May 6 and 7, 2025

**Location:** The Park Event Center

500 Division St

Waite Park, MN 56387

<https://theparkeventcenter.com/>

**Newer Location**

## Tuesday May 6, 2025

Time	Topic and Discussions	Topic Leader
9:00 – 09:15	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Troy Daniell, NRCS State Conservationist
9:15 – 9:30	<b>State Technical Advisory Committee Purpose:</b> A quick overview of the committee purpose and resources	Ryan Galbreath, NRCS
9:30 – 10:15	<b>Voice of Milk:</b> Learn what's new in the Minnesota Dairy Industry. Lucas Sjostrom will present on current projects and give you an update on the Dairy Industry in MN.	Lucas Sjostrom, MN Milk.
10:15 – 11:00	<b>NutraDrip:</b> Hear from the industry about the benefits of subsurface drip irrigation. See how drip irrigation is being applied in row crops.	Taylor Zeltwanger, NutraDrip Representative
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Mn Ag in the Classroom:</b> Every year MN Ag in the Classroom connects students and teachers to farming and ranching. Learn about resources available and how you can help spread the great word.	Ann Marie Ward, Executive Director
<b>11:30 – 12:45 Lunch</b>		
12:45 – 1:15	<b>Audubon:</b> From Conservation Ranching to bird friendly maple syrup, learn about the ecosystems services marketing happening in pastures and woods near you.	Sarah Hewitt, Audubon
1:15 – 2:00	<b>Turkey Growers Association:</b> Did you know that MN ranks No. 1 in turkeys raised in the U.S.? Did you know that MN ranks No. 1 in turkeys raised in the U.S.? Learn what is new in the Turkey industry.	Ashley Kohls, Executive Director
<b>2:00 – 2:15 Break</b>		
2:15 – 3:00	<b>Ecosystems Marketing:</b> Hear about the Minnesota ecosystem market project piloted by The Nature Conservancy. This project began over 5 years ago and is nearing completion. Learn about the successes and challenges of piloting a new project.	Peter Mead, The Nature Conservancy
3:00 – 3:30	<b>Partner Updates and Announcements:</b> This is a chance to make an announcement and provide updates to the partners.	Ryan Galbreath, NRCS
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**Wednesday May 7, 2025**

Time		Topic and Discussions	Topic Leader
9:00 – 9:30		<b>Minnesota Forest Resources Council:</b> MN Update on Forestry Programs and opportunities.	Jamie Thibodeaux, MN DNR
9:30 – 9:45		<b>Biochar:</b> Hear about Carlton County’s biochar pilot project.	Katheryn Fernholz, Dovetail Partners
9:45 – 10:45		<b>Conservation Programs and NRCS Updates:</b> In this session you will see where MN is currently at with conservation programs. See where Team MN landed in 2025 and where we are going in 2026. We will also introduce you to the MN NRCS Program Staff.	Keith Kloubec, NRCS
10:45 – 11:00 Break			
11:00 – 11:45		<b>Minnesota Corn’s Sustainability Journey:</b> Hear from MN Corn Growers Association about the significant investments in three important elements of sustainability including People, Planet, and Profit.	Adam Birr, MN Corn Executive Director, CEO.
11:45 – 12:30		<b>State Technical Advisory Subcommittee Reports:</b> The Wildlife, Grazing, Watershed and Forestry Subcommittees will present on what was covered in 2024 and a plan for 2025.	Subcommittee Leaders
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