

Soil Health Week

Visit & Learn from National Experts Right Here In NE Iowa, Sept. 16-20!



Details

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts of northeast Iowa are hosting a cadre of soil health and regenerative agriculture experts the week of Sept. 16-20 at various events throughout Northeast Iowa for youths, families, students, and adults.

Events include soil health and cover crop field days, growing greener for youth, and finding careers in sustainable agriculture.

The week will culminate on Sept. 20 with an all-day soil health symposium at Upper Iowa University, where experts and local producers will share their knowledge, vision, and innovations about our greatest natural resource—SOIL!



Visiting Experts

Dr. Kristine Nichols, Soil Scientist

A world-renowned leader in the movement to regenerate soils for healthy food, healthy people and healthy planet, Dr. Nichols' focus is on the impacts of cropping and grazing systems on soil microbiology, nutrient cycling, and soil aggregation to improve soil health and water quality.

Frederick Kirschenmann, Farmer & Distinguished Fellow for Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Kirschenmann manages his family's 1,800-acre certified organic North Dakota farm. He is a champion of agricultural resilience, an advocate for soil health, and a pioneer of organic farming.

Russell Hedrick, North Carolina Farmer

A first-generation farmer dedicated to growing some of the finest grain and livestock in the Southeast, Hedrick uses new technologies and cover crops to reduce fertilizer inputs on cash crops and integrate cattle onto covers.

Loran Steinlage, West Union Farmer

Steinlage operates FLOLO farms with his wife and three children. They use innovative methods of incorporating soil health practices into their cropping system. Loran is a mainstay at field days across the U.S., Canada and Europe, and featured in many ag publications about his innovative techniques.

Registration

All are welcome to attend any scheduled events. Please register for the Soil Health Symposium (\$20) at: <http://fcsw.eventbrite.com>.

For questions, please contact the Fayette SWCD at 563-422-3868, x3.

Scheduled Events

Growing Greener Youth Event

Steinlage Greenhouse
12517 220th St.,
West Union
5 p.m., Sept. 16

Conservation Education Field Days

Fayette SWCD
Richard Jensen Farm
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sept. 18-20

A Career in Sustainable Agriculture

Frederick Kirschenmann
Co-hosted by:
Upper Iowa University
7 p.m., Sept. 19

Soil Health Symposium

Co-hosted by:
Upper Iowa University
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Sept. 20

Post-Symposium Social

Farmer Panels & Tours
Steinlage Farm
6 p.m., Sept. 20

Farm Visits & Small Group Meetings

Various Locations
Throughout the Week



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