



NACD SOIL HEALTH CHAMPION NETWORK #2

"Elevating the national dialogue on soil health"

Welcome!

This bulletin is designed to keep NACD Soil Health Champions and their local conservation districts informed about Network activities and national resources. **Please feel free to share brief articles, photos and ideas for this bulletin and our website.** Send them to your Field Rep (below) and/or Debra Bogar at deb-bogar@nacdnetwork.org.

Our Goal

The goal of the Soil Health Champions Network, organized by NACD in cooperation with state/territory associations and local districts, is to raise awareness of and increase the adoption of soil health systems by farmers and other landowners. We hope to recruit 150 farmers, ranchers, woodland managers, and other landowners—from every region of the country—who are willing to use, demonstrate, and share their enthusiasm for soil health practices.

Leading the Way

We now have 56 Champions from 18 states participating in this national Network. Check out the list below. These individuals are actively enhancing the soils on their farms and advocating to their peers. We are in the process of posting bios on the NACD website at www.nacdnet.org/policy/healthy-soil/soil-health-home. If you haven't already, be sure to send in your profile questionnaire so you too can be added to our website!

Connecting with Your Peers

NACD is currently developing a system through which our Soil Health Champions can interact with one another and share their experiences and information. We will be requesting feedback on your preferred means of communication and what would be the easiest and most user-friendly way to connect you with other champions in our Network.

NACD Website

When you have a spare moment, explore the resources available on NACD's Soil Health web pages at www.nacdnet.org/policy/healthy-soil/soil-health-home. One section focuses on emerging research, which is being conducted on soil health practices across the nation. This page aggregates information on the research and organizations engaged in this line of work. If you have an item you'd like added to the page, contact Bill Berry at billnick@charter.net.

Out On the Land

Larry D. Butler, Executive Producer and Host of the RFD-TV show "Out on the Land," explores American landscapes and discovers how ranchers, farmers and other landowners take care of their land. As Butler states, food, fiber, clean air, healthy soils, clean abundant water, healthy wildlife habitat and more, are products of landowners' and managers' conservation stewardship. Two recent episodes focused on soil health and featured Oklahoma farmer Jimmy Emmons and his family, conservation districts, NRCS and NACD. You can view the episodes at the following links.

<http://outontheland.com/season-6-episode-76-conservation-farmer-practices-soil-health-principles/>
<http://outontheland.com/season-6-episode-77-conservation-farmer-practices-soil-health-principles-part-2/>

For More Information on NACD:

NACD Website - www.nacdnet.org/

NACD Publications - www.nacdnet.org/news/publications/



NACD SOIL HEALTH CHAMPIONS as of September 30, 2015

NAME		STATE	CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wrigley	Bryce	AK	Salcha Delta SWCD
Hegle	Paula	HI	Central Maui SWCD
Elsbernd	Don	IA	Allamakee SWCD
Boyer	Jack	IA	Tama SWCD
Maier	Marcus	IL	Livingston County SWCD
Diaz	Dan	IL	Stephenson County SWCD
Smiley	Gordon & Jeff	IN	Decatur County SWCD
Starkey	Mike	IN	Hendricks County SWCD
Ransbottom	David	IN	Kosciusko County SWCD
Gough	Tyler	IN	Marion County SWCD
Badger	Keith	KS	Osage County CD
Taves	Donavon	LA	East Carroll SWCD
Bacon	Bruce	MN	Anoka SWCD
Cunningham	Charles	MN	Kandiyohi SWCD
Roberts	Darwin	MN	Martin SWCD
Ditlevson	Mark	MN	Steele SWCD
Klug	Tom	MN	Waseca SWCD
Boen	Mark	MN	West Otter Tail SWCD
Willis	Michael	MO	Andrew County SWCD
Rothermich	Linus	MO	Callaway County SWCD
Below	Allen	MO	Stoddard County SWCD
Hunter	Johnny	MO	Stoddard County SWCD
Guedon	Emile	MS	Adams County SWCD
Hunter	Pete	MS	Coahoma County SWCD
Hudson	Tim & Betty	MS	DeSoto County SWCD
Morgan	Joe	MS	Forrest County SWCD
Barton	David	MS	Hinds County SWCD
Eastman	Dr Bill	MS	Lowndes County SWCD
Graves	Mike	MS	Tippah County SWCD
Coker, Jr	Robert E	MS	Yazoo County SWCD
Hedrick	Russell	NC	Catawba SWCD
Furr	Curtis	NC	Stanley SWCD
Lowder	Nathan	NC	Stanley SWCD
Sand	Cody & Deanna	ND	McIntosh County SCD
Bateman	Rocky	ND	Morton County SCD
Hopfauf	Jim	ND	Morton County SCD
Miller	Kenneth	ND	Morton County SCD
Steckler	John & Aaron	ND	Morton County SCD

Aalund	Jeffrey	ND	Renville County SCD
Wilson	Jeremy	ND	Stutsman County SCD
Cox	Dorn	NH	Strafford County CD
Streit	Joe	OH	Butler SWCD
Brandt	David	OH	Fairfield SWCD
Beam	Joe & Mike	OH	Greene SWCD
Dennis	Keith	OH	Perry SWCD
Snyder	Ron	OH	Wood SWCD
Herriman	Scotty	OK	Nowata County CD
Emmons	Jimmy	OK	Dewey County CD
Jeans	Rick	OK	Kay County CD
Hoyle	Dennis	SD	Edmunds CD
Nigg	Dan & Kris	SD	Roberts CD
Reimer	Steve	SD	Brule-Buffalo CD
Bown	Trent	UT	Sanpete CD
Bragger	Josef	WI	Buffalo County LCD
Herricks	Jack & Patricia	WI	Monroe County LCD
Evelo	Lyle	WY	Powell Clarks Fork CD

Connecting with NACD

We have a great team of staff working on this initiative. You may be contacted by your Field Rep or the Communications staff as we gather and share information. Please feel free to contact any one or all of us at any time.

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