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OPPORTUNITIES AROUND FOR SOIL HEALTH CHAMPIONS AT NACD'S 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

[NACD's 71st Annual Meeting](#) is just around the corner! If you haven't registered, it's not too late to do so, just [head over to our website!](#) The 2017 meeting will be held at the [Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel](#) from January 28 to February 1, 2017. For those of you who are attending, there are several networking and learning opportunities for Soil Health Champions that you won't want to miss:

- **NACD Soil Health Champions Coffee**

Sunday, January 29, 9:30am to 11:00am

Start off the 2017 Annual Meeting right by joining your fellow champions for coffee on Sunday morning. You'll get the chance to meet some new faces, expand your network, and learn what other producers are doing to promote social health in their communities.

- **NACD Conservation Expo**

Sunday, January 29 from 10:00am to 6:00 pm; Monday, January 30 from 7:30am to noon and 2:00pm to 5:00pm; and Tuesday, January 31 from 7:30am to 1:00 pm

As part of the 2017 Conservation Expo, NACD will provide the Soil Health

Champions Network with a sizable area and two large tables with chairs, perfect for folks to sit down and get to know one another after general sessions and before breakouts. The SHC area will also have plugs available for you to charge your laptops, tablets, and phones, and a space for champs to share pictures and videos of their operations and outreach. If you have any handouts you use in your outreach efforts back home, bring them with you to Denver and we'll feature them in the SHC booth area, or as we'll call it: "home base."

- **Breakout Sessions and a Soil Health Symposium**

Monday, January 30 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm: *NACD Soil Health Champions: How they achieve soil health and spread the message*

Tuesday, January 31 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm: *Improving soil health through innovation, new technology, and partnerships*

Wednesday, February 1 from 9:00am to noon: *Healthy soils for healthy waters symposium*

- **2017 Annual Meeting Stipends**

Thirty – yes 3-0! – Soil Health Champions will receive a \$1,000 stipend to attend the conference. The stipend will be sent to the following recipients as a reimbursement for their expenses related to the meeting:

Charles Holmes (AL), Michael Taylor, Jr. (AR), Brendon Rockey (CO), James Baxter (DE), Brad Ritter (DE), Burlin Findley (FL), David Ransbottom (IN), Larry Manhart (KS), Allen Roth (KS), Jon Bednarski (KY), Kevin Jeffries (KY), Jeff Rice (KY), David Daigle (LA), Donavon Taves (LA), Larry Lee (MI), Ian Cunningham (MN), Pete Hunter (MS), Kenneth Miller (ND), Keith Berns (NE), Steve Tucker (NE), Dorn Cox (NH), Jim Berlier (NM), David Brandt (OH), Dan Lane (OH), Ron Snyder (OH), Jimmy Emmons (OK), Dennis Hoyle (SD), Ray Weaver (TN), Brad Bailie (WA), and Michael Crowder (WA).

For more information on the conference, the hotel, or registration, visit our [website](#).



SOIL HEALTH RESOURCES

At their core, Soil Health Champions are risk takers. It doesn't seem to matter what state they're from or what crop they grow, they're always ahead of their neighbors when it comes to adopting the newest conservation technologies and experimenting with the latest soil health research. Because NACD knows Soil Health Champions, we know you'll appreciate the following resources:

- The Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) has an online [Learning Center](#) where you can download books and technical materials related

to soil health free of charge. During the Soil Health Symposium at NACD's 2016 Annual Meeting in Reno, NACD distributed 100 copies of SARE's 3rd edition of "Building Soils for Better Crops." This one-of-a-kind, practical guide to ecological soil management provides step-by-step information on soil-improving practices and farmer case studies from across the country. You can download a free copy of the book or order the print version [here on SARE's website](#).

- Podcasts are a quick, easy, and free way to soak in the latest conservation news while you work. Google "soil health podcasts" or "conservation podcasts" from your computer, tablet, or smart phone and give a listen to one that looks interesting. You can subscribe to podcast series and receive notifications when new episodes become available, or you can periodically check your favorite channels for the latest content. Here's a [podcast series from NRCS](#) to get you started.
- Have you visited YouTube recently? You might be surprised by the quantity and quality of soil health videos that are available. Type "soil health" into YouTube's search bar and you're likely to see some familiar faces and names – even some Soil Health Champions! If you have some favorite clips you'd like to share, don't be shy! Post them on the [NACD Soil Health Champions Network Facebook group page](#).

As you develop your own outreach tools and uncover new sources of information on soil health, be sure to share it with the SHC Network. The more we can share with one another, the more we can grow as a collaborative and enhance our national outreach efforts. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can send any soil health resources you find to Beth Mason at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or (317) 946-4463.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017

Jan. 10 - 13: [National No-Tillage Conference](#), St. Louis, Missouri

Jan. 24 - 25: [No-Till on the Plains Conference](#), Salina, Kansas

Jan. 22 - 24: [American Forage and Grasslands Council Annual Meeting](#), Roanoke, Virginia

Jan. 28 - Feb. 1: [NACD Annual Meeting](#), Denver, Colorado

Feb. 23 - 25: [MOSES Organic Farming Conference](#), La Crosse, Wisconsin

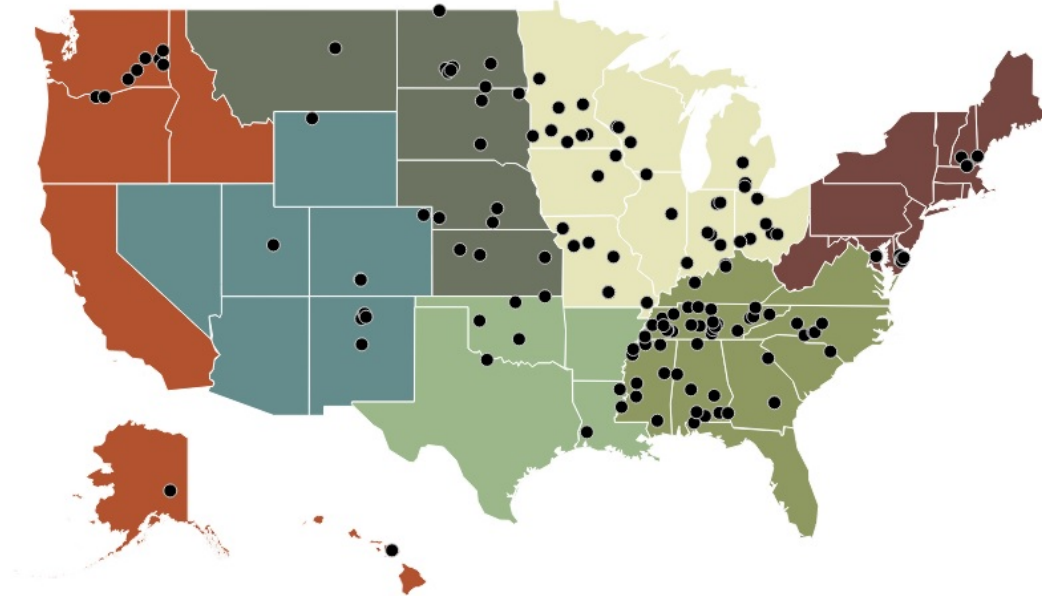
March 3 - 4: [Commodity Classic](#), San Antonio, Texas

July 30 - Aug. 2: [Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference](#), Madison, Wisconsin

If you know of upcoming national or regional events that should be on this calendar,

send your suggestions to Beth Mason at beth-mason@nacdn.org.

CONNECTING WITH NACD



NACD has a great team working on your behalf to build and maintain the Soil Health Champions Network. Please feel free to contact any of the staff members below with questions or suggestions.

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