



# NACD SOIL HEALTH CHAMPION NETWORK #1

*"Elevating the national dialogue on soil health"*

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## Welcome!

We are launching this bulletin, which will be sent as needed, to keep the Soil Health Champions and their local conservation/natural resource 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@nacdnet.org](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdnet.org).

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## 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.

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## Leading the Way

We're excited to have 23 Champions from 8 states kicking off this national Network! These individuals are actively enhancing the soils on their farms and advocating to their peers. Check out the list on page 2. Soon we will have everyone and their bios posted on the NACD website at [www.nacdnet.org/policy/healthy-soil/soil-health-home](http://www.nacdnet.org/policy/healthy-soil/soil-health-home). We'll let you know when that's ready.

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## Connecting with Your Peers

We're in the process of setting up an electronic network so you can chat with each other using one email address. It will be an easy way to describe what you are doing, ask questions and share resources. We'll send a special notice to you all as soon as it is up and running.

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## 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.

NACD Field Reps (check out the Region map at [www.nacdnet.org/about/districts/directory](http://www.nacdnet.org/about/districts/directory))

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## NACD Website

When you have a spare moment, begin exploring resources available on NACD's Soil Health web pages at [www.nacdnet.org/policy/healthy-soil/soil-health-home](http://www.nacdnet.org/policy/healthy-soil/soil-health-home). We will describe these in more detail in future bulletins.

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## For More Information on NACD:

NACD Website - [www.nacdnet.org/](http://www.nacdnet.org/)

NACD Publications - [www.nacdnet.org/news/publications/](http://www.nacdnet.org/news/publications/)



## NACD SOIL HEALTH CHAMPIONS as of June 15, 2015

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Wrigley	Bryce	AK	Salcha Delta SWCD
Elsbernd	Don	IA	Allamakee SWCD
Boyer	Jack	IA	Tama SWCD
Taves	Donavon	LA	New 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
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
Lowder	Nathan	NC	Stanley SWCD
Furr	Curtis	NC	Stanley SWCD
Bown	Trent	UT	Sanpete CD
Herricks	Jack&Patricia	WI	Monroe County LCD