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SOIL health

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Multnomah & Clackamas Counties

THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) IS YOUR LOCAL RESOURCE FOR INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH.

NRCS offers technical and financial assistance to private landowners and producers interested in preserving natural resources on the land. Starting in 2016, we will be offering assistance to row crop producers in Multnomah County and Clackamas County to improve the physical, chemical, and biological function of the soil by improving soil organic matter levels. We will focus on practices that support the four Soil Health Principles:

- Keep the soil covered
- Minimize soil disturbance
- Keep a living root in the soil
- Maintain a diverse rotation of crops and cover

Contact your local NRCS field office to learn more about how NRCS may benefit you and your land.

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FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Practices

Cover Crop

Conservation Crop Rotation

Residue Management, Reduced Till

Residue Management, No-Till

Conservation Cover

Field Border

Tree & Shrub Establishment

Tree & Shrub Site Preparation*

Herbaceous Weed Control*

Mulching

Access Roads

Heavy Use Areas

Nutrient Management

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Seasonal High Tunnels when they are part of a suite of practices that includes cover crop, residue management/direct seed, or conservation crop rotation.

*Support practices for Tree & Shrub Establishment

HEALTHY SOILS SUPPORT:

Water Quality



Soil health impacts every aspect of agricultural production and the natural resources around our farms. High functioning soils with adequate organic matter are the foundation upon which we can solve other key natural resource issues, including water quality concerns such as excessive sediments and nutrients in our streams. Improving the health and resiliency of the soil resource will also help farms withstand drought.

Several of the practices we are currently offering are specifically designed to build healthy soils in support of water quality. Contact your local USDA Service Center to learn more.

Learn More

Explore what Oregon is doing for Soil Health by checking out our Soil Health link at:

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Find great resources, videos, fact sheets, and program information by checking out the national Soil Health link at:

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