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Soil FACTS:

RESIDUE

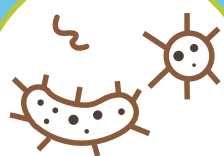
left on the soil in no-till systems
**reduces soil
temperature fluctuations**
and supports soil health:

Micro-organisms will slow down
when it is too hot (above 35°C or 95°F).

Less temperature variability **increases
bacteria & fungi**
in the soil.

More stable soil temperature regimes
increase survival

**OF
MICROFLORA,**
which help with
**nutrient
uptake**



Skin FACTS:

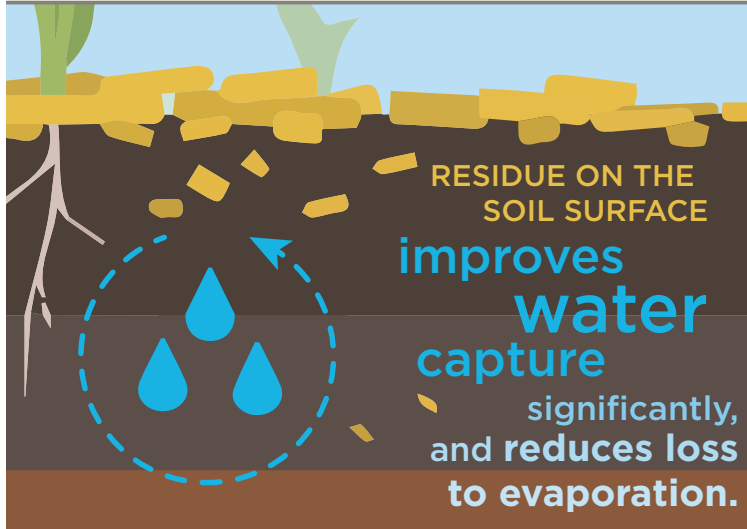
Skin cancer is the most common cancer,
with **over 20%** of people
developing skin cancer during their lifetime.

MELANOMA is the
**most dangerous
skin cancer** and is much
more prevalent in
men over the age of 50.

Melanoma rates in the United States
doubled from 1982 to 2011 and have
continued to increase.

It is estimated that melanoma will affect
**1 in 27 men &
1 in 40 women**
in their lifetime.

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Ultraviolet light can damage DNA which induces mutations in the soil organisms resulting in the death of the organism or biochemical changes, for example changes of enzymes and metabolic pathways. ++

Extreme heat stress can reduce plant photosynthetic and transpiration efficiencies and negatively impact plant root development, which collectively can **negatively impact yield.**+

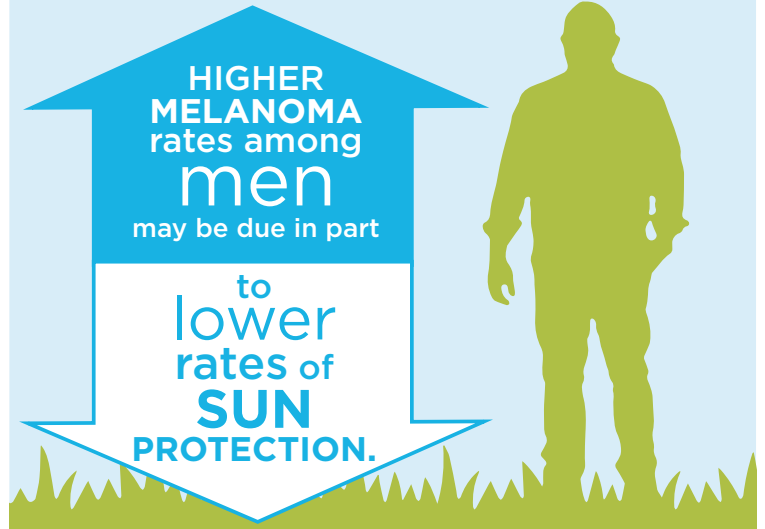
Photochemical degradation will lead to structural changes to organic molecules making them more or less easy to be degraded. ++

Some bare soils can reach **140 DEGREES,** hot enough to kill soil organisms & stress the crop from both heat & excessive soil moisture evaporation.*



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Skin FACTS:



Studies have shown that every **inch of brim** REDUCES the risk of skin cancer over a lifetime by **10%**

So if you consistently wear a 4 inch brimmed hat, you **reduce** your **LIFETIME RISK** of skin cancer by **40%**

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* www.farmprogress.com/cotton/daily-temperature-range-factor-soil-health

+ cropwatch.unl.edu/2016/impacts-extreme-heat-stress-and-increased-soil-temperature-plant-growth-and-development

++ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

** www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Topic-Rooms/Cover-Crops/Ecosystem-Services-from-Cover-Crops/10-Ways-Cover-Crops-Enhance-Soil-Health

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HIGHER
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rates among
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may be due in part

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SUN
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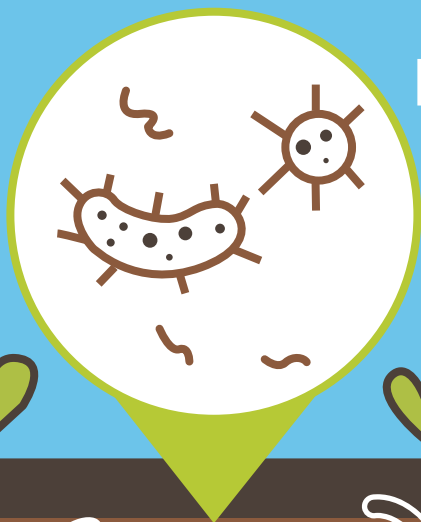
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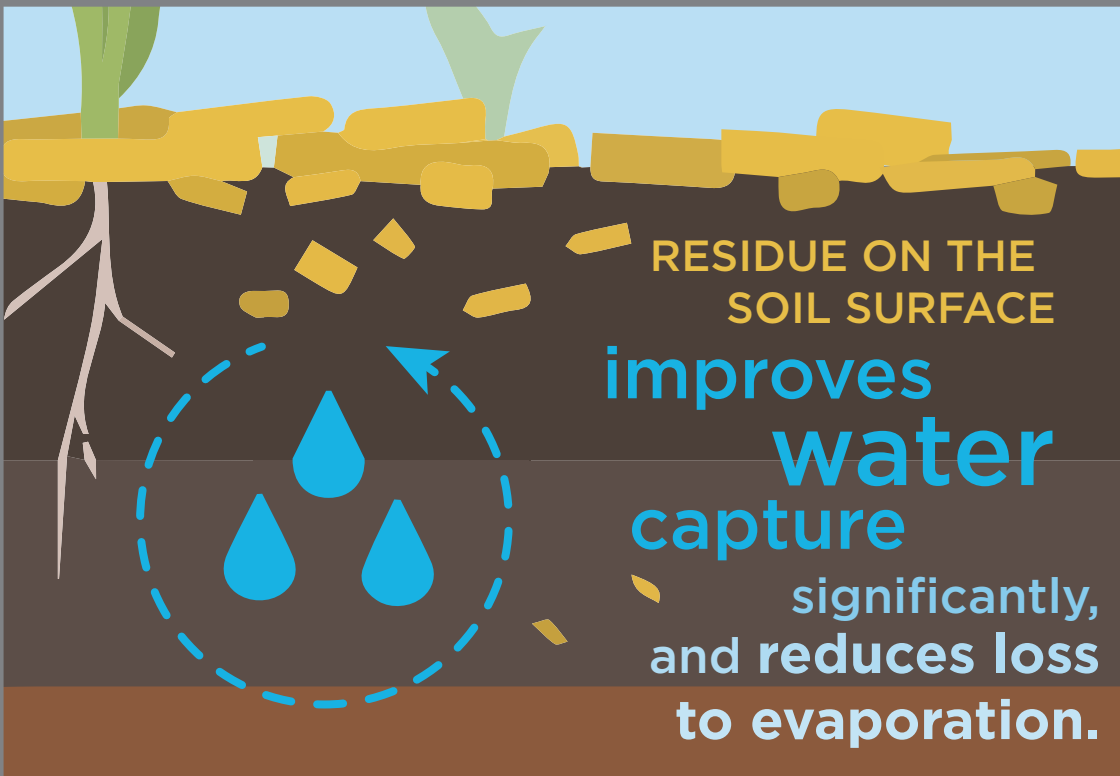
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