South Dakota
Soil Health Coalition



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Membership Information

Our Vision:

A collective effort to increase sustainable ag production through diversification and improved soil health.

Our Mission:

Promote improved soil health.

"Because soil without biology is just geology" – Ray Archuleta

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1-year membership $35___ **Lifetime membership $1,000**___ Please make checks payable to: SD Soil Health Coalition

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Soil Health Principles:

- **Keep the soil covered with growing or dead plant material**
- **Increase diversity above and below ground**
- **Till the soil as little as possible, preferably not at all**
- **Use livestock to cycle nutrients**
- **Keep living roots growing in the soil as many days of the year as possible**

How do you accomplish these things?

Grazing management, no-till farming methods, diverse crop rotations, livestock integration to land management, cover cropping, and including perennials in your rotation are just a few ways to start. Visit our website or attend a workshop to learn more today!

Learning and Networking Opportunities

To help the coalition accomplish its mission, we host and sponsor trainings, tours, and educational events.

- **Field Walks and Tours (Year Round)-**Join us as we explore opportunities for improving soil health through cover crops, livestock integration to cropland, grassland management, no-till and diverse cropping systems, and adding perennial plants to crop rotation.
- **Soil Health School (September)-**We host an annual soil health school featuring a number of experts in soil health. The agenda includes many exciting and relevant topics, from cover cropping and crop rotational diversity to grazing systems to farm and ranch planning for each participant!
- **Workshops (Winter)-**These educational events bring in soil health experts from the region and nation to share their experiences and challenges of improving soil health.
- **Mentoring Network-**The coalition has developed a mentoring network of farmers and ranchers in South Dakota that are willing to help other improve soil health on their own lands.
- **Event Speakers-**The coalition is offering access to a collection of natural resources speakers with expertise in topics you want to hear! Let us know the topic areas you are interested in, the event time, date, location, audience, and other details. We will match you with a speaker and help coordinate scheduling.
- **Email list-**The coalition maintains an email list of all members, to let them know of upcoming events and workshops that may be of interest to them. We will not share your personal information with other entities.

Partnerships-the key to our success!

We work together with federal, state, and non-governmental organizations, as well as progressive producers, to help spread our message to a wider audience and provide our members with valuable experience and tools.

