



KANSAS Soil Health ALLIANCE

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Improving and protecting Kansas soils through farmer and rancher led education and resources.

Upcoming Events

Summer Field Day

featuring Jimmy Emmons and Dr. Dave Rethorst

Come to Grainfield on July 24 for this free farmer led and focused event showcasing Jimmy Emmons and Dr. Dave Rethorst. The morning will include a field tour highlighting the benefits of cover crops and rotational grazing to improve soil health. The day will move indoors for Dr. Dave's presentation on Health & Reproductive Performance in Cow-Calf Production Systems followed by lunch and afternoon presentations on soil health by Jimmy. More information and RSVP link is available at: [Soil Health Workshop and Field Day - Kansas Soil Health Alliance \(kssoilhealth.org\)](https://kssoilhealth.org/soil-health-workshop-and-field-day).

Summer Field Day

featuring Jay Fuhrer and Candy Thomas

This free two-day event near Wells will feature two top-notch soil health educators - Jay Fuhrer of Menoken Farm and Candy Thomas, NRCS Regional Soil Health Specialist. Each day will provide field tours and discussions in the morning followed by indoor lunch and presentations in the afternoon. More information and RSVP link is available at: [Ottawa County Conservation District 2nd Annual Summer Field Days Featuring Jay Fuhrer - Kansas Soil Health Alliance \(kssoilhealth.org\)](#).

Soil Health Events Calendar

There are currently many more field days and workshops planned in the coming months. Remember to check our events calendar for all soil health events occurring in or near Kansas. Hosting an event? Be sure to share it with us to add to the calendar.

[Upcoming Events – Kansas Soil Health Alliance \(kssoilhealth.org\)](#)

Featured Farmers



Michael Thompson

Michael Thompson, Kansas Soil Health Alliance Board Chair, farms near Almena. Watch this video as he shares with us the soil health benefits he's seen from bale grazing, growing cover crops, and using vermicompost. <https://youtu.be/XKePr5H4ztI>



Tyrel Owens

Tyrel Owens, owner of Double O Grazing Company, raises sheep near Minneapolis. In this video, he talks about the soil health improvements he's seen from rotational grazing his pasture and strip grazing his cover crops. He also shares how he started with sheep just a few years ago providing tips on fencing, watering, and his favorite resources. <https://youtu.be/a01Qnipv-7s>

Soil Health Opportunities

Western Kansas Grower \$4k Microgrants

American Farmland Trust, a nonprofit supporting farmers for over 40 years, is working with partners to assist western Kansas farms in meeting their conservation goals. Agriculture Conservation

Initiative Program and Communications Manager, Kinzie Reiss, of Wallace County is currently looking to provide one on one technical support to those producing feed products in western Kansas. Utilizing the EcoPractices system by Sustainable Environmental Consultants, Kinzie will help the farmer quantify current successes in conservation and analyze areas for improvement. After receiving the report, farmers are eligible to receive one of 10 microgrants valued up to \$4,000. The service is entirely free to the farmer, but the deadline is quickly approaching and funding is first come- first serve. Farmers will need to submit a 5-year cropping history for their field(s) by **May 15th**. If you are interested, please reach out to Kinzie Reiss at kreiss@farmland.org soon.

Kansas Grazing Exchange

Drought across much of Kansas has limited feed supplies. The Kansas Grazing Exchange helps match available forage with livestock producers for mutually beneficial grazing relationships.

If you have available grazing or you're looking for grazing, consider posting a listing. It's free and easy to use.

[Kansas Grazing Exchange – Kansas Soil Health Alliance](http://kssoilhealth.org)
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