

HOW CAN SOIL HEALTH MEASURES BE USED TO INFORM FARM MANAGEMENT?

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Soil health has enjoyed a meteoric rise over the past decade, and it appears that interest is only continuing to increase. But despite all of the attention, how much progress has actually been made? Do we know more about soil health today than we did 20 years ago? Are our laboratories more capable of quantifying soil health in meaningful ways? Do we know which farm practices help maximize soil health? In order for soil health to become cemented as a widespread and useful framework, farmers need to find soil health measurements useful in making on-farm decisions. This talk will highlight recent Midwest work in active organic matter measurements and how they reflect soil and crop function.

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