

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Second Floor Grand Foyer
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Silent Auction Acceptance	Second Floor Grand Foyer
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit and Poster Setup	Second Floor Exhibitors: Arch View Ballroom Posters: Grand Ballroom A-B
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	New Member and First-Timer Orientation	Lobby Level Broadway
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	ELP Networking Kickoff <i>(Invite Only)</i>	Lobby Level Broadway
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	WORKSHOPS	
Lobby Level Ballpark 1	Workshop 1: Building Conservation Leadership Pipelines: Developing Tomorrow's Soil and Water Leaders Today - <i>Brandon Bell, Syngenta North America</i> (ticket required, additional fees apply)	
Lobby Level Ballpark 2	Workshop 2: Human-Centered AI in Soil and Water Conservation Science - <i>Sushant Mehan, South Dakota State University; Maysoon Mikha, USDA ARS; Kathy Boomer, FFAR</i> (ticket required, additional fees apply)	
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Student and Early Career Professional Networking	Lobby Level Lindbergh Room
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Local Forum and Flavor Reception: Missouri Welcome - <i>Krista Kirkham, Soil and Water Conservation Society North Central Regional Director</i> ; Local Flavor Address - <i>Amanda Clark, Missouri Historical Society</i>	Second Floor Grand Ballroom C-G

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7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open			Second Floor Grand Foyer
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Silent Auction Acceptance			Second Floor Grand Foyer
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Morning Coffee and Light Breakfast: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Second Floor Exhibitors: Arch View Ballroom Posters: Grand Ballroom A-B
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	SWCS Conference Opening - <i>Clare Lindahl, Soil and Water Conservation Society CEO</i> ; Pritchard Keynote Lecture: The Hope in Soil Health - <i>Ray Archuleta, Ray the Soil Guy</i>			Second Floor Grand Ballroom C-G
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Morning Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Second Floor Exhibitors: Arch View Ballroom Posters: Grand Ballroom A-B
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	SWCS Emerging Leader Exclusive Training and Access to Keynote Speaker - <i>Ray Archuleta, Ray the Soil Guy (Invitation Only)</i>			Lobby Level Broadway
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS			
Second Floor Gateway 1 CIG Showcase	Conservation Innovation Grants Project Highlights - <i>Leah Hermens, USDA NRCS</i>			
Second Floor Grand Suite III Conservation at the Confluence	Advancing Mississippi River Basin Nutrient Reductions Through Hypoxia Task Force Member Actions - <i>Katie Flahive, US EPA</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 1 Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Achieving Conservation Through Targeting Information, Outreach, and Networking (ACTION) - <i>Kathy Boomer, FFAR</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 2 Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Ten Partners, Ten Years, One River's Future - <i>Jill Hoffmann, White River Alliance</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 3 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems	Advancing Regenerative Agriculture: Multi-Model Carbon and Nitrogen Outcomes - <i>Yushu Xia, Columbia University</i>			
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	10:30 AM	10:53 AM	11:16 AM	11:39 AM
Second Floor Gateway 2 Innovation, Technology, and Data in Conservation	Automated Detection of Field-Scale Tillage, Planting, and Harvest Events from Agricultural Imagery - <i>Muntaha Ateeq, Iowa State University</i>	Harnessing Technology and Data to Inform On-Farm Decisions for Saturated Buffer Design - <i>Ehsan Ghane, Michigan State University</i>	Mapping Soil Water Movement for Precision Conservation Management - <i>Zamir Libohova, USDA NRCS</i>	XWEPP: A Scalable Framework for Sub-Field Water Quality Modeling in Large Agricultural Watersheds - <i>Dwijaraj Paul Chowdhury, Iowa State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 3 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems	Effects of Conservation Management on Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Dynamics During the Transition from Irrigated to Dryland Forage Systems - <i>Pratima Poudel, New Mexico State University</i>	Is Roller Crimping an Effective Management Tool? An In-Depth Assessment of Three On-Farm Trials in New York and Kentucky - <i>Aysha Tapp Ross, American Farmland Trust</i>	More Than Trash: How Crop Residues Influence the Nitrogen Cycle - <i>Torey Colburn, American Farmland Trust</i>	What Do Mainstream Farmers Think About Soil Management? - <i>Marcelle Lewandowski, University of Minnesota</i>
Second Floor Gateway 4 Social Sciences Informing Conservation	An Uneven Playing Field: Power, Risk, and Farmer Participation in Environmental Cost-Share Programs - <i>Melisa Luymes, Headlands Ag Enviro</i>	County-Level Variations Among Midwestern Farmers in the Adoption of Conservation Agriculture: The Role of Macrostructures and Individual Farm and Farmer Attributes - <i>Maliha Muhtasim, The Ohio State University</i>	Early Missouri Conservation History - <i>Shelby Callaway, USDA NRCS</i>	When Innovation Isn't Labeled Innovation: Informal Pathways of Agricultural Problem-Solving - <i>Emily Nguyen, Oklahoma State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 5 Water Resource Assessment and Management	Cotton Production in Arkansas: A Focus on Water Quality Impacts - <i>Trenton Barker, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture</i>	From Forest to Field: Using SWAT+ to Assess Land Use Change Impacts on Water Resources in a Sensitive Watershed - <i>Harprabhjot Kaur Dhaliwal, University of Minnesota</i>	Land-Use and Land-Cover Change Effects on Streamflow in Upper Colorado River Basin Watersheds Using the SWAT+ Model - <i>Ali Akram Niazi, Texas A&M University</i>	Twenty-Six Years of Locally Led Conservation: The Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group Story - <i>Ryan Chapman, Lower Platte North NRD</i>

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<p>12:00 PM - 1:15 PM</p>	<p>SWCS State of the Society Address and Board Panel Discussion (<i>SWCS Members Luncheon</i>) (ticket required, additional fees apply for nonmembers and guests)</p>			<p>Second Floor Grand Ballroom C-G</p>
<p>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM SYMPOSIA SESSIONS</p>				
<p>Second Floor Gateway 1 CIG Showcase</p>	<p>Innovations in Irrigation Management - <i>Caroline Sherony, USDA NRCS</i></p>			
<p>Second Floor Grant Suite III Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement</p>	<p>Emerging Leaders Lightening Talks - <i>Soil and Water Conservation Society Emerging Leaders</i></p>			
<p>Lobby Level Ballpark 1 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems</p>	<p>Outcome-Based CEAP Farm Modeling to Support Regenerative Agriculture – Part 1: Model Development and Improvement - <i>Jaehak Jeong, Texas A&M University</i></p>			
<p>Lobby Level Ballpark 2 The Producer and the Plot</p>	<p>Place-Based Regenerative Transitions for Landscape-Level Impact - <i>Liz Rice, Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts</i></p>			
<p>Lobby Level Ballpark 3 Water Resource Assessment and Management</p>	<p>Tackling the Nonpoint Source Water Quality Issue: Using EPA Funding to Kickstart Your Watershed Finance Partnership - <i>Emilee Novak, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality</i></p>			
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<p>Second Floor Gateway 2 Conservation at the Confluence</p>	<p>Conservation at the Confluence... and Beyond - <i>Laura Kammin, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center</i></p>	<p>Large-Scale Watershed Improvements Start Local: Cummins and The Nature Conservancy Partner to Improve the Mississippi River and Gulf - <i>Danielle Randles, The Nature Conservancy</i></p>	<p>Lake Decatur Watershed Management Program: A Midwest Conservation Success Story - <i>Jeff Boeckler, Spheros Environmental</i></p>	<p>The Mississippi River Watershed Partnership - <i>Sierra Schuchard, America's Watershed Initiative</i></p>
<p>Second Floor Gateway 3 Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies</p>	<p>A Standardized Workflow to Investigate the Rhizosphere Microbiome in Semi-Arid Agricultural Soils - <i>Dinusha Maheepala Mudalige, The University of Arizona</i></p>	<p>Coupling Social and Ecological Data to Understand Drivers of Soil Health on New England Farms - <i>Kevin Antoszewski, American Farmland Trust</i></p>	<p>Satellite-Based Mapping of Yield Stability Under Long-Term Cover Crop Management - <i>Jose Cesario Pinto, Practical Farmers of Iowa</i></p>	<p>Spacing Theorems and Procedure for Manual Level Bench Terraces - <i>Yihune Tadesse, Bahir Dar University</i></p>
<p>Second Floor Gateway 4 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems</p>	<p>Cropping System Optimization for Regenerative Semi-Arid Cotton Production - <i>Joseph Burke, Texas A&M AgriLife Research</i></p>	<p>Evaluating the Impact of Fertilizer Application on Soil and Foliar Nutrient Concentrations in a Temperate Alley Cropping System - <i>Tracy Campbell, USDA ARS</i></p>	<p>National Cover Crop Variety Improvement and Seed Production Program - <i>Etienne Sutton, University of Missouri</i></p>	<p>Regenerative Agriculture in the Urban Lawn - <i>Michael James, Polk SWCD</i></p>
<p>Second Floor Gateway 5 Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management</p>	<p>Assessing Bioavailable Phosphorus and Soil Buffering to Support Soil and Water Conservation - <i>Sushant Mehan, South Dakota State University</i></p>	<p>Biochar and Compost as Sustainable Amendments for Soil Health and Water Functions in a Semi-Arid Environment - <i>Prakriti Bista, New Mexico State University</i></p>	<p>Promoting Mineral-Associated Organic Matter Development in Cultivated Histosols Through Amendment Applications - <i>Mumtahina Riza, University of Central Florida</i></p>	<p>Restoration Impacts on Degraded Meadow Soil and Microbial Communities - <i>Jordan Freitas, Cal Poly Humboldt</i></p>

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Second Floor Gateway 1 CIG Showcase	Innovative Practices for Nutrient Management - <i>Angela Sherman, USDA NRCS</i>			
Second Floor Grant Suite III Conservation at the Confluence	From Policy to Practice at the Confluence: Advancing Water Quality and Quantity in the Mississippi River Basin - <i>Rachel Owen, SWCS Advisor</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 1 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems	Outcome-Based CEAP Farm Modeling to Support Regenerative Agriculture – Part 2: Application on a Selected Farm - <i>Limei Ran, USDA NRCS</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 2 Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Cultivating Conservation at the Local Level: People, Partnerships, and Networks - <i>Richard Stewart, Rock Island SWCD</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 3 Innovation, Technology, and Data in Conservation	40 Years of Process-based Soil Erosion Research – A National Perspective: What’s Next? - <i>Chris Renschler, USDA ARS</i>			
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Second Floor Gateway 2 Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Equipping Conservation Professionals and Farmers with Tools to Deliver Edge-of-Field Practices at Scale for Nutrient Reduction in the Upper Mississippi River Basin - <i>Keegan Kult, Ag Drainage Management Coalition</i>	Mapping Ephemeral Gully Potential Using Terrain Indexes - <i>Timothy Sklenar, Iowa State University</i>	Smart Placement, Measurable Conservation: Estimating Sediment Load Reduction - <i>Kelsey Karnish, Iowa State University</i>	Spatial Frameworks for Sustainable Bioenergy and Conservation Planning in Agricultural Landscapes - <i>Jessica Stephenson, Iowa State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 3 Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Designing More Effective Conservation Outreach: Using a Content Pyramid to Improve Reach and Engagement - <i>Ian Virtue, Ontario Soil Network</i>	Illinois Extension's NLRS Outreach: Engaging Farmers and Stakeholders for Nutrient Loss Reduction - <i>Rachel Curry, University of Illinois Extension</i>	Social Science Meets Soil Health: An Education and Outreach Approach for Landowners - <i>Catherine DeLong, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach</i>	The Land-Grant University We Need Today: Bridging the Divide and Harmonization Between Academia and Farmers - <i>Linda Prokopy, University of Vermont</i>
Second Floor Gateway 4 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems	Effects of Soil Tillage and Nutrient Management on Weed Abundance During the Transition to Organic Grain Production - <i>Sophie Westbrook, Kansas State University</i>	No-Till Impacts on Water Infiltration and Retention: Insights from the Western US Corn Belt After 40 Years - <i>Humberto Blanco, University of Nebraska</i>	Stacking Climate-Smart Agriculture and Pollinator Conservation to Leverage Market-Based Incentives - <i>Anna Murray, Xerces Society</i>	Turning Soil Health Practices into Measurable and Monetizable Water Quality Benefits - <i>Tapasya Babu, Ecosystem Services Market Consortium</i>
Second Floor Gateway 5 Water Resource Assessment and Management	Applying Adaptive Management in Feasibility Studies for Watershed and Lake Restoration - <i>Rose Mumbi, ISG</i>	How Biochar Variants Alter Soil Phosphorus Forms and Affect Water Quality - <i>Debolina Chakraborty, Auburn University</i>	Monitoring Water Quality and Best Management Practice Implementation in the Black Hawk Lake Watershed, Iowa - <i>Kaitlyn Mathews, Iowa State University</i>	Water Harvesting Partners Project - <i>Jacob Shaffer, USDA NRCS</i>
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Conservation Concierge Workshop (Partner Event) (RSVP Required)			Lobby Level Lindbergh Room
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Exhibitor and Poster Reception			Second Floor Exhibitors: Arch View Ballroom Posters: Grand Ballroom A-B
6:00 PM	Silent Auction Ends			Second Floor Grand Foyer

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration and Merch Desk Open			Second Floor Grand Foyer
7:00 AM - 8:15 AM	SWCS Leadership Breakfast <i>(Invitation Only)</i>			Second Floor Grand Ballroom C-G
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Morning Coffee and Light Breakfast: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Second Floor Exhibitors: Arch View Ballroom Posters: Grand Ballroom A-B
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Remarks - <i>Ellen Gilinsky, Soil and Water Conservation Society Board Chair</i> ; USDA Remarks - <i>Aubrey Bettencourt, USDA NRCS Chief and Jeffrey Silverstein, USDA ARS Associate Administrator</i> ; Farmers for Soil Health: Centering the Farmer in Conservation Programs - <i>Jack Cornell, United Soybean Board and Farmer Panelists</i>			Second Floor Grand Ballroom C-G
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Morning Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Second Floor Exhibitors: Arch View Ballroom Posters: Grand Ballroom A-B
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS			
Second Floor Gateway 1 CEAP Showcase	Quantifying Conservation Outcomes - <i>Kevin King, USDA ARS</i>			
Lobby Level Grant Suite III Conservation at the Confluence	Linking Dairy Crop Production to Water Resources: Field-Scale Evidence and Hydrologic Insights from the Dairy Soil and Water Regeneration Project - <i>Mara Cloutier, Soil Health Institute</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 1 Conservation Economics and Policy	Stacking the Deck: Coupling Government Funds with Private and Innovative Financing for Conservation at Scale - <i>Rachel Owen, SWCS Advisor</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 2 Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	The Land Stewardship Leadership Academy: An Evidence-Based Curriculum for Equipping Conservation Professionals in a Corn-on-Corn World - <i>Seth Harden, The Nature Conservancy</i>			
Second Floor Ballpark 3 Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	The Future of Farming: Increasing Adoption of Conservation Practices Among Alabama Row Crop Farmers - <i>Rishi Prasad, Auburn University</i>			
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
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Second Floor Gateway 2 Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts	From Design to Function: Evaluating Water Quality Pond Performance - <i>Isis Scott, Kansas State University</i>	Phytoextraction of Lead by Spinach (<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.) Under Different Levels of Lead Nitrate Contamination - <i>Mukesh Kumar Oad, University of Bologna, Italy</i>	Short-Term Impacts of Manure-Based Conservation Practices on Soil Zinc Dynamics and Drainage Water Quality in Maize Systems - <i>Xochilth Saldana, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i>	Tailwater Recirculation Influences Water Use Efficiency and Global Warming Potentials of Row Rice - <i>Madhav Dhakal, Mississippi State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 3 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems	Audubon Conservation Ranching: Using Private Lands Management to Impact Environmental Sustainability - <i>Tara Hohman, Audubon Upper Mississippi River</i>	Designing Flexible, Outcomes-Based Funding Programs for Regenerative Dairy Farms: Lessons from a Multi-Partner Pilot - <i>Lisa McClintock, Dairy Management Inc.</i>	Soil Health Impacts Crop Yield Across North America - <i>Kade Flynn, Soil Health Institute</i>	Tomorrow's Water: How Restoring Playas Can Help High Plains Communities - <i>Bernadette Mills, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts</i>
Second Floor Gateway 4 Social Sciences Informing Conservation	A One-Stop Conservation Shop: Embedding a Conservation Agronomist in Ag Retail - <i>Sarah Reilly, The Nature Conservancy</i>	Designing Programs for Stewardship: Farmer Experiences With Conservation Planning and Program Delivery in New England - <i>Alissa White, American Farmland Trust</i>	Implementing Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs: Insights From Interviews With Agency Professionals - <i>Bonnie Keeler, University of Minnesota</i>	Mind the Gate: No Access, No Action - <i>Michaela Lubbers, University of Georgia</i>
Second Floor Gateway 5 Water Resource Assessment and Management	Enhance Flood Resiliency by Protecting Hydrologically Sensitive Areas in Landscape: A Case of Somerset County in New Jersey - <i>Zeyuan Qiu, New Jersey Institute of Technology</i>	Enhancing Floodplain Aquifer Recharge Through Engineered Wetland Systems in Drought and Flood-Prone Rural Iowa - <i>Julie Blackburn, ISG</i>	Runoff Dynamics of Upper Midwest Agricultural Systems Under Variable Tillage Management and Weather - <i>Laura Bates, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	Nitrate Removal Activity and Nutrient Content in Denitrifying Bioreactors as Woodchips Age - <i>Niranga Wickramaratne, Austin Peay State University</i>

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12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Awards Luncheon			Second Floor Grand Ballroom C-G
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM SYMPOSIA SESSIONS				
Second Floor Gateway 1 CEAP Showcase	Legacy Sources: Processes and Conservation Options - <i>Lisa Duriancik, USDA NRCS</i>			
Second Floor Grant Suite III Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Accelerating Conservation Through Trusted Farm Advisors: A Collaborative Industry Roadmap - <i>Luke Petersen, The Nature Conservancy</i>			
Second Floor Ballpark 1 Innovation, Technology, and Data in Conservation s	Advancing Conservation and Agronomic Performance Through Technology: Remote Sensing Applications for Agricultural Best Management Practice Adoption, Precision Agronomics, and Compliance - <i>Mary Sutton Carruthers, Syngenta</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 2 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems	Unlocking Diversification Across the Corn Belt: Stakeholder Perspectives on Policy and Market Opportunities from the Diverse Corn Belt Project - <i>Emily DeaKyne, Purdue University</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 3 Water Resource Assessment and Management	Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Agricultural Settings: Challenges and Potential Solutions - <i>Matthew Moore, USDA ARS</i>			
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM ORAL PRESENTATIONS				
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Second Floor Gateway 2 Conservation at the Confluence	Habitat Matters: Using Digital Tools to Bridge Conservation and Community Across Illinois - <i>Laura Kammin, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center</i>	Leveraging Ag Retail for Successful Conservation Programming - <i>Frank Rademacher, The Nature Conservancy</i>	Scaling Soil Health Through Partnership: How State Agencies and Conservation Districts Use the STAR Tool to Build Capacity and Align Incentives - <i>Natalie Kerr, Illinois STAR</i>	Scouting for Volunteers? Scouting America May Be Your Match! - <i>Lua Cole, Scouting America Troop 8053</i>
Second Floor Gateway 3 Conservation Economics and Policy	Biochar Application Rate and Economic Cost Calculator - <i>Ben Wiercinski, American Farmland Trust</i>	Crop and Livestock Integration in the Midwest: Does It Pay? - <i>Gabrielle Bolwerk, University of Minnesota Extension</i>	Economics of Soil Health in South Central Nebraska - <i>Shannon Moeller, The Soil Health Institute</i>	Stages of Farm Profitability After Soil Health System Adoption in Georgia Cotton - <i>Jessica Kelton, Soil Health Institute</i>
Second Floor Gateway 4 Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Assessing Sediment Sources, Nutrient Storage, and Long-Term Sustainability of Farm Ponds in Southern Iowa - <i>Matthew Streeter, University of Iowa</i>	Cover Crops and Ecosystem Services: When Does Planting Rate Pay Off? - <i>Robert Fowler, University of Minnesota</i>	Nitrogen Reduction Estimation for Wetlands Treating Runoff and Drainage from Rainfed Cropland - <i>Christopher Hay, Hay Water Solutions</i>	The SWAT+ Model Service for Water, Nutrient, and Carbon Balance Assessments on Cultivated Land - <i>Jack Carlson, Colorado State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 5 Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management	Building Functional Organic Grain Systems Under Southeastern Conditions - <i>Ravi Teja Neelipally, University of Tennessee</i>	Do Cover Crops Increase the Number of Days Suitable for Fieldwork? - <i>Roberta Bianchin Rebesquini, Practical Farmers of Iowa</i>	From Erosion to Resilience: Integrating Traditional and Innovative Soil-Water Conservation Practices to Sustain Olive Production on Marginal Mediterranean Hillsides - <i>Zouheir Massri, Michigan State University</i>	Soil Health Management to Support Climate Resilience in Midwest Row Crop Systems - <i>Samuel Kwakye, Sand County Foundation</i>

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3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Federal Grants Roundtable		Lobby Level Broadway	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit and Poster Teardown		Second Floor Exhibitors: Arch View Ballroom Posters: Grand Ballroom A-B	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS			
Second Floor Gateway 1 CEAP Showcase	Innovative Tools and Approaches for Assessing Conservation Outcomes - <i>Chris Renschler, USDA ARS</i>			
Second Floor Grant Suite III Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts	From Suppression to Recovery: Rethinking Invasive Plant Management - <i>Raven Sterling, Raven Invasive Plant Management</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 1 Conservation at the Confluence	Beyond the Field Edge: Legacy Phosphorus, Lagged Transport, and Streambank Processes Driving Water Quality in the Mississippi River Basin - <i>Rachel Owen, SWCS Advisor</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 2 Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Implementing Edge-of-Field Conservation Practices: What Are the True Costs and Barriers and How Do We Overcome Them? - <i>Mary Sahraei, ISG</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 3 Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Regenerating Soil and Community: Combining a Relational and Data-Driven Approach to Accelerate Adoption of Regenerative Agriculture - <i>Jodi Enos-Berlage, Luther College</i>			
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Second Floor Gateway 2 Conservation Economics and Policy	Advancing Colorado's Conservation Efforts Through Tax Credits - <i>Liza Nguyen, Colorado Department of Agriculture</i>	Conservation Management Effects on Nutrient Loads and Environmental Damage Cost - <i>Frank Johnson, USDA ARS</i>	Reframing Conservation Agriculture for Public Health - <i>Meredith Niles, Brown University</i>	Soil Health Practices Reduce Revenue Risk: Latest Insights from the Land Core Risk Model - <i>Aria McLaughlan, Land Core</i>
Second Floor Gateway 3 Innovation, Technology, and Data in Conservation	Building a National Resource for Soil Fertility Decisions: The FRST Approach - <i>Nathan Slaton, University of Arkansas</i>	From Data to Action: A Prioritization Framework for Effective Nutrient Loss Reduction - <i>Bin Peng, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i>	Regional Benchmarking of Soil Health Indicators to Inform Adaptive Management - <i>Madeline Tomé, Soil Health Institute</i>	Nutrient Timing Matters: Aligning Manure Application with Crop Demand to Protect Water Quality - <i>Daniel Andersen, Iowa State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 4 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems	Assessing Potential Crop Yields by Increasing Native Pollinator Habitat on Photovoltaic Farms - <i>Audra Hinson, USDA ARS</i>	Grain Sorghum Production in the Solar Corridor Cropping System for Livestock Utilization - <i>Tim Reinbott, University of Missouri</i>	Improving Soil Quality Using Cover Crops in Urban Agricultural Farms of South Florida - <i>Maruthi Sridhar Balaji Bhaskar, Florida International University</i>	Managing Soil in High Tunnel Production Systems: Field Day Feedback for Implementing Practical Solutions for Broader Adoption - <i>Katrina Seaman, Tennessee State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 5 Water Resource Assessment and Management	Field-Scale Assessment of Climate-Resilient Irrigation Techniques: A Comparative Performance Analysis in Rainfed Pothowar, Punjab - <i>Sultan Ahmad Rizvi, Soil and Water Conservation Research Institute - Punjab Agriculture Department</i>	From Tile to Tap: How Farm-Based Wetlands Can Protect Urban Drinking Water - <i>Jill Kostel, The Wetlands Initiative</i>	Improving Late-Season Drought Resistance and Associated Soil Health Parameters Utilizing Cover Crops Among Cultivated Forage Species - <i>James Burke, University of Arkansas</i>	Supplemental Irrigation from On-Farm Water Capture and Reuse Systems Improves Corn Resilience to Drought in North Carolina - <i>Mohamed Youssef, North Carolina State University</i>
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Beyond Corn: Reimagining the Midwestern Landscape (Partner Event) (All Attendees Welcome)		Second Floor Gateway 1	

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

7:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Registration and Merch Desk Open			Second Floor Grand Foyer
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM	Morning Coffee and Light Breakfast			Second Floor Grand Foyer
7:45 AM - 8:45 AM	Conservation Through the Generations - <i>Past and Present Conservation Leaders</i> ; Closing Remarks - <i>Clare Lindahl, Soil and Water Conservation Society CEO</i>			Second Floor Grand Ballroom C-G
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Emerging Leaders Roundtable Session (<i>Invitation Only</i>)			Lobby Level Lindbergh Room
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS			
Lobby Level Ballpark 1 Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts	Delivering Healthy Native Ecosystems: Advocating for Quality and Value in Ecological Restoration - <i>Jack Pizzo, Pizzo Group</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 2 Conservation at the Confluence	Advancing Renewable Energy Through Sustainable Agriculture: Transformational Opportunities in Livestock and Cropping Systems - <i>Sara Parker Pauley, Former Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 3 Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Mentoring and More: Leadership, Followership, and the Future of Conservation - <i>Cheryl Simmons, ARCSE</i>			
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
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Second Floor Grant Suite III Conservation at the Confluence	Effects of Grass Structure on Wind Erosion Using a Wind Tunnel Simulation - <i>Sohail Ahmad, Northwest A&F University</i>	Heavy Metals in Runoff and Seepage Water From an Agricultural Field Amended With Biochar and Animal Manure - <i>George Antonious, Kentucky State University</i>	Integrated Soil Fertility Management Strategies Improve Soil Fertility and Maize Yield Stability in Semi-Arid Agro-Ecosystems: Evidence From an Ongoing Long-Term Experiment - <i>Daniel Mugendi, University of Embu</i>	Nutrient and Microbial Contamination Assessment in Surface Water of the Kentucky River Basin - <i>Edward Bordoh, Kentucky State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 1 Innovation, Technology, and Data in Conservation	High Clearance Robotic Irrigation Impacts on Soybean and Corn Yield and Nutrient Application - <i>Andrew Klopfenstein, The Ohio State University</i>	Managing Cover Crop Termination in Minnesota for Biomass and Yield Outcomes - <i>Murad Ellafi, University of Minnesota</i>	Power of Perennials: Insights and Tools for Crop Diversification and Environmental Outcomes in Illinois - <i>Marlee Giacometti, American Farmland Trust</i>	Profitable Conservation Around the Margins: Integrating Edge-of-Field Practices into Production Systems to Deliver Economic and Conservation Outcomes - <i>Seth Harden, The Nature Conservancy</i>
Second Floor Gateway 2 Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Conservation in an Urbanizing Coastal Landscape Through Nature Preserve Programming - <i>Leslie Gahagan, City of Foley, Alabama</i>	Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Project: High School Student Volunteer Monitoring - <i>Students from Newman Grove and Schuyler Schools</i>	The Farm Foundation Soil Health Experience - <i>Timothy Brennan, Farm Foundation</i>	
Second Floor Gateway 3 Regenerative Agriculture for All Scales and Systems/Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management	On-Farm Progress Toward Soil Health Potential in Southern US Row Crops - <i>Dianna Bagnall, Soil Health Institute</i>	Economics of Soil Health Management Systems Across the US Cotton Belt - <i>Emily Ball, Soil Health Institute</i>	Soil Health Dynamics Following Single and Multispecies Cover Crops in Semi-Arid Cotton Production - <i>Josiah Whiting, Texas A&M Agrilife Research</i>	Soil Health Response of Transitioning Traditional Row Crops to Perennial Forage Systems - <i>Hector Valencia, Texas A&M Agrilife</i>
Second Floor Gateway 4 Social Sciences Informing Conservation	Mapping the Flow of Conservation Information Across Wisconsin Farming Communities: Evidence From a Social Network Analysis - <i>Chloe Wardropper, University of Illinois</i>	Remaking Climate Disaster Relief Programs for New England - <i>Sara Kelemen, American Farmland Trust</i>	Survey Snapshot: Key Results From the National Agroforestry Producer Survey - <i>Gary Bentrup, USDA National Agroforestry Center</i>	When Climate-Smart Means Different Things: (Mis)Alignment Between Consumer Expectations and Farm-Level Feasibility in US Dairy - <i>Lauren Hunt, Brown University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 5 Water Resource Assessment and Management	Performance of Varied Microsprinkler-Irrigated Bamboo Under Different Nitrogen and Phosphorus Regimes - <i>Davie Kadyampakeni, University of Florida</i>	PFAS Filtration from Agricultural Drainage in Farmlands Using Recycled Steel Byproducts - <i>Ibrahim Abusallout, Fraunhofer USA</i>	Will Gypsum Addition Aid in Phytoremediation of Pesticides and Nutrients? A Mesocosm Experiment - <i>Matthew Moore, USDA ARS</i>	The Duley-Miller Plots: The Pioneer of Soil and Water Conservation - <i>Tim Rienbott, University of Missouri</i>

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Morning Break	Second Floor Grand Foyer		
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE) Annual Meeting (Partner Event) (All Attendees Welcome)	Lobby Level Lindbergh Room		
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS			
Lobby Level Ballpark 1 Conservation Economics and Policy	Scaling-Up Conservation: Alternative Financial Incentives Led by Local Farmer Networks - <i>Haleigh Summers, Sand County Foundation</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 2 Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management	Understanding Soil Health in Context: Dynamic Soil Properties in Soil Survey - <i>Katy Dynarski, USDA NRCS</i>			
Lobby Level Ballpark 3 Water Resource Assessment and Management	Improving Water Quality, Quantity, and Resilience Through Drainage Water Recycling: From Assessment to Implementation - <i>Emily Perrott, ISG</i>			
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	11:00 AM	11:23 AM	11:46 AM	12:09 PM
Second Floor Grant Suite III Conservation at the Confluence/Innovation, Technology, and Data in Conservation	Land Degradation, Smog, and Socio-Economic Implications in South Asian Punjab: Investigating Crop Residue Burning Hotspots to Mitigate Climate Change - <i>Muhammad Danish Majeed, Soil and Water Conservation Research Institute, Punjab Agriculture Department</i>	Estimation of Soil Loss in Oyo State Using Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation and Geographical Information System - <i>Ayomide Animasaun, University of Ibadan</i>	Quantifying Nitrous Oxide Emission Factors across Agroecosystems Along a Conservation-Intensity Gradient - <i>Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M AgriLife Research</i>	
Second Floor Gateway 1 Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Engaging Farmers in Developing a Conservation Strategy - <i>Caroline Harper, The Campbell Foundation</i>	Evaluation of the Impact of Growth-Stage-Based Deficit Irrigation Strategies on Peanut Yield in Alabama - <i>Brenda Ortiz, Auburn University</i>	HAWQS-Based Prioritization of Management Strategies to Reduce Water Quality Impairment Under a Changing Climate - <i>Umar Javed, Texas Water Resources Institute</i>	MCCC Cover Crop Tool: Answering "Is It Too Late to Plant My Cover Crop?" - <i>Anna Morrow, Midwest Cover Crops Council</i>
Second Floor Gateway 2 Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Beyond Cost-Share: Reimagining Technical Assistance for Conservation at Scale - <i>Adam Reimer, National Wildlife Federation</i>	Lessons Learned from Delivering Conservation Technical Assistance Across 20 States - <i>Odiney Alvarez-Campos, Soil Health Institute</i>	The Emergence of the Conservation Agronomist Profession: Current Context and Future Outlook - <i>Oliver Nell, Iowa State University</i>	Who Will Answer Their Questions? A Mixed-Methods Study on Supporting the Research Needs of Producers Innovating in Soil Health - <i>Lauren Hafford, Colorado State University</i>
Second Floor Gateway 3 Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Farmer-Led Advances in Soil Health: Roadmap to Success - <i>Morgan Cauble, American Farmland Trust</i>	Promoting and Developing Georgia Aquaculture - <i>Lawrence Risse, University of Georgia</i>	The Impacts of Pocket Change: Integrating Outreach to Enhance Unconventional Conservation in the Midwest Through Urban Agriculture Mini-Grants - <i>Annalise Lallana, American Farmland Trust</i>	The Power of Conservation Partnerships: Examining the High Plains REPI Project - <i>Kendra Young, National Grazing Lands Coalition</i>
Second Floor Gateway 4 Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management	Conservation Tillage and Cover Crops Improve Soil Health and Water Conservation in Mississippi Delta Cotton Production - <i>Mary Bakare, Mississippi State University</i>	Improving Soil Health with Agroforestry - <i>Stephen Anderson, University of Missouri</i>	Sanborn Field: Soil Health Differences 138 Years in the Making - <i>Tim Reinbott, University of Missouri</i>	Soil Health and Economic Assessment for Farmland Protection - <i>Gillian Chesnut, Delta Institute</i>
Second Floor Gateway 5 The Producer and the Plot	Empowering Farmers Through On-Farm Research: How Farmer-Led Trials Improve Conservation Practices and Decision-Making - <i>Stefan Gailans, Practical Farmers of Iowa</i>	Flourish: Farmers Leading Our United Revolution in Soil Health - <i>Diana Salguero, Palouse Conservation District</i>	Land Stewardship: Agrivoltaics for Farm Resilience - <i>Davina Bryan, Farm To Power</i>	Navigating Practical Barriers: Methods and Lessons Learned From Biochar Application for On-Farm Trials - <i>Caro Roszell, American Farmland Trust</i>
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Tour 1: Regenerative Grazing on Working Land Farm Tour (ticket required, additional fees apply) (meet at 1:15 PM)			Meet in Grand Foyer Second Floor
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Tour 2: Streamside to Taproom Walking Tour (ticket required, additional fees apply) (meet at 1:15 PM)			Meet in Grand Foyer Second Floor