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Save the Date for the National Conference on Cover Crops and Soil Health

Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, Indiana
November 8-9, 2017

Curious about the growing interest in cover crops, no-till, and soil health? Whether you're brand new to these topics or an expert in the field, we invite you to join the conversation on November 8-9, 2017. Learn what works and how it can work for you through a variety of educational sessions presented by farmers and conservationists. Watch for details soon at www.swcs.org.

Conference sponsored by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and SWCS.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
**COVER CROPS
& SOIL HEALTH**
**HARVESTING
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SWCS Missouri Show-Me Chapter Fall Forum Recap

Nineteen members of the SWCS Show-Me Chapter participated in the Chapter's Fall Forum event held at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, on September 22nd. Treated to a beautiful day, the participants toured the university's Busby Farm, one of the largest organic research farms in the Midwest, to learn about organic blueberry production, solar water pumping, and composting. Farm manager Chris Boeckmann told chapter members about how the organic farm is managed and some of the challenges associated with organic production. Dr. Hwei-Yiing Johnson gave an overview of the composting facility and demonstrated vertical lettuce production using compost tea as the nutrient source.

The group then travelled across town to Lincoln's George Washington Carver Farm for a barbeque luncheon catered by Bandanas. After lunch the group boarded a tram to visit Lincoln's aquaculture facility. They were met by Dr. Jim Wetzel for a tour of the fish ponds used for outdoor studies followed by a tour of the state-of-the-art indoor research facilities. Dr. Wetzel explained how growth trials are conducted indoors. The next stop was a presentation on cover crops in vegetable production and plant diseases led by Dr. Zelalem Mersha and Dr. Martha O'Connor. The Fall Forum wrapped up with a discussion of canola production presented by Dr. Todd Higgins.



Lincoln University's Dr. Hwei-Yiing Johnson discusses vertical crop production using compost tea at the university's composting facility at the Busby Farm.



Chris Boeckmann, Lincoln University's Busby Farm Manager, discussing organic blueberry production with members of the Show-Me Chapter.



Dr. Jim Wetzel of Lincoln University discusses aquaculture and fish research with members of the Show-Me Chapter.

Combined Federal Campaign

SWCS Charity Code: 11797

There is still time to participate in the 2016 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)! The theme this year is **“Show Some Love.”** For over 70 years, the Soil and Water Conservation Society has been working to educate land managers and promote natural resources conservation practices. These efforts are made possible through contributions from supporters like you. Payroll deductions are an easy way to have a valuable impact on the Society’s work. Please “show some love” for the land during this campaign by supporting the Soil and Water Conservation Society.



The Charity Code for the Society is 11797.

Thank you for supporting the future of soil and water conservation!



Time to Update Your Information!

Here at SWCS we are doing a bit of “house cleaning” and need your help! Please take a moment to review and update your account and contact information so you can be sure to stay up to date with all of the news and events happening at SWCS. We have several exciting events coming up that you will not want to miss out on!

Please log on to swcs.org/members to access your membership account and update your information. Thank you for your help!

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News from DC

Courtesy of SWCS DC Representative John Peterson

- The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Forest Service’s (FS) Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration Partnership are now accepting funding proposals for Fiscal Year 2017. Electronic proposals are due by October 17 to NRCS Conservation Initiative Coordinator [Luther Jones](#) and FS Forest Fire Management Officer [Laurie Kurth](#).
- The House Agriculture Committees’ Conservation and Forestry Subcommittee [held a hearing](#) on the Chesapeake Bay and the voluntary conservation efforts that have made a remarkable difference in the health of the watershed.
- At the end of September, the fall Coalition on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases met in Washington, DC. This meeting brought together farm organizations, carbon offset developers, agricultural companies, environmental groups, and USDA staff to discuss opportunities for farmers to be compensated and recognized for steps to improve the ecosystem services (including carbon sequestration) on their land.
- George Washington University hosted a conference on urban agriculture and the next farm bill. This conference brought together policy makers, advocates, farmers, and students to learn about the opportunities and challenges in urban agriculture, in the hope that urban agriculture will take a more prominent role in the next farm bill.
- The Joint Forestry Team recently launched [a new website](#) to highlight some of America’s best forestry partnerships and all-lands projects. The team’s purpose is to make recommendations that improve interagency and private/public sector coordination in the delivery of forestry and conservation assistance on working lands.
- In his latest [blog for AgriPulse](#), SWCS Board Member Bruce Knight calls for oversight hearings and careful evaluation of whether 2014 Farm Bill programs are effectively meeting their goals, providing help that is useful and sufficient to those who need it most, and looking for ways to improve them going forward.

Conservation NewsBriefs: Popular Articles from September



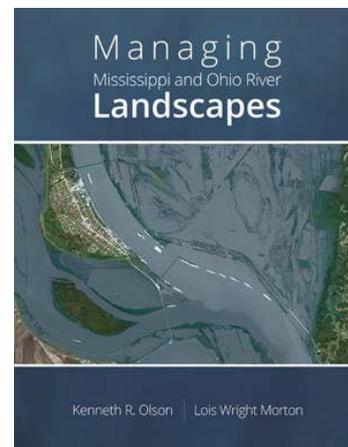
Are you up-to-date with news about soil and water conservation research and policy? *Conservation NewsBriefs* is a highly informative e-news brief that delivers the most relevant content to your inbox each and every Thursday. Below are links to some of the most read articles from over the past month:

- [Climate change has less impact on drought than previously expected](#) (University of California-Irvine via Science Daily)
- [USDA announces changes for largest conservation program](#) (Farm Forum)
- [One simple comic explains climate change](#) (Scientific American)
- [Dammed if you do: Scientists recommend strategies to lessen dams' environmental impacts](#) (Phys.org)

[Click here](#) to sign up and start receiving your weekly *Conservation NewsBriefs* today!

New Book from SWCS: *Managing Mississippi and Ohio River Landscapes*

In this new SWCS publication, soil scientist Kenneth Olson and sociologist Lois Wright Morton have woven together research and photographs gathered from several years of travel throughout the Mississippi and Ohio river basins to examine the many human and natural forces that together have shaped two important US waterways. Through a series of engaging case studies accompanied by 212 illustrative maps and photographs, the book reviews historical impacts of climate, economic and population growth, and efforts to manage river landscapes with engineered structures; and makes recommendations on future management to protect soil and water resources and facilitate social, economic, and ecosystem balance. Accessible and written for a wide audience, this book is a powerful resource for private and public landowners and managers, soil scientists, conservationists, sociologists, wetland specialists, hydrologists, geologists, and those interested in the future of our river landscapes. Read a sample chapter and purchase your copy at swcs.org/managingrivers.



Upcoming Events

[Michigan Chapter Annual Meeting/Workshop](#)
Bellaire, Michigan
October 24, 2016

[Arkansas Razorback Chapter Fall Meeting](#)
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 17, 2016

[North Dakota Chapter Annual Meeting](#)
Bismarck, North Dakota
November 28-29, 2016

[Missouri Natural Resources Conference and Show-Me Chapter Annual Meeting](#)
Osage Beach, Missouri
February 1-3, 2017

Enjoyed learning about rivers at the 2016 Annual Conference in Louisville? You'll love this book!



"Like" the Soil and Water Conservation Society on Facebook to keep up with the latest Society news and conservation current events!



New Members

Welcome members who joined in September!

International

Navreet Bassi
Fangshi Jiang

Arizona

Valentino Reyes

Canada—Ontario

Marissa Chase

Connecticut/Massachusetts/Rhode Island—

Southern New England Chapter

David Sullivan

Iowa

Adam DeBolt
Brad Roetman

Iowa—Iowa State University Student Chapter

Hannah Corey
Michael Russell
Eliza Schumer
Uyen Ton
Chase Wasson

Louisiana—University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Student Chapter

Victor Bowler

Michigan

Leah LaFrance

Mississippi—Mississippi State University

Student Chapter

Mustafa Altinakar

Montana

Kelli Coleman
Travis Lemke

Nebraska

Theresa Smydra

New Jersey—Firman E. Bear

Sam Schlindwein

New York—Empire State

Scott Fickbohm

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