

AGENDA



Wednesday, Feb 22

9:30 – 10:00

Kickoff to the 1st Annual Soil Health Short Course

***Welcome and Overview
Partnership and Purpose***

Barry Mahler, County Commissioner, Wichita Falls, TX
Salvador Salinas, NRCS State Conservationist, Temple, TX
Rex Isom, TSSWCB Executive Director, Temple, TX
Volney Hough, Chairman, Association of TX SWCD,
Mountain Home, TX

Hope in the Soil, Video 1

Nathan Haile, Soil Health Specialist, Temple TX NRCS

Morning Session

Understanding Soil Function

Moderator- Mike Campbell

10:00-10:40

Speaking for the Resource

John Sackett, NRCS Resource Soil Scientist,
Weatherford, TX

10:40 – 11:00

***Increase the Water
on your Operation***

Troy Reinke & Nathan Haile, NRCS
H2O simulator Demonstration

11:00- 12:30

***Enhancement of water resources
with intensified cropping systems***

Dr. Paul Delaune, Associate Professor,
Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Vernon, TX

Learning from My Mistake

Terry McAlister, Producer, Electra, TX

12:30 -1:30

Lunch Provided at Region 9 Education Center

***Soil Health Poster Winner
Presentation***

Carlos Villarreal, NRCS Soil Scientist, Temple, TX

Hope in the Soil, Video 2 and 3

Nathan Haile, NRCS, Temple, TX

Afternoon Session

Building Resiliency in the Soil

Moderator- Sara Pope

1:30- 3:00

***Diversity: Who needs it, what is it,
where and how do you get it,
why does it matter?***

Jim Johnson, Noble Foundation Consultant,
Ardmore, Ok

***Improving Water Retention with
Diverse Cover crops***

Jimmy Emmons, Producer, Leedey, OK

3:00 - 3:30

Hope in the Soil, Video 4 / Break



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3:30 -4:10	<i>The Secret is in the Soil</i>	Clay Pope, CSP, LLC. & USDA Climate Hub facilitator
4:10 – 4:15	<i>Hope in the Soil, Video 5</i>	
5:30 -6:30	<i>“Watering Hole”</i>	From My Land to Your Tap Southern Jeweled Warehouse, 615 Ohio St., Downtown Wichita Falls, TX
	<i>Connecting Watersheds and Soil Health</i>	Tina Hendon, Watershed Program Manager, Tarrant Region Water Development, Fort Worth
	<i>Better Land – Better Beer</i>	Lairy Johnson, Environmental and Sustainability Engineer, Miller Coors, Ft Worth
6:30 -8:00 pm	Dinner	
7:30- 10:30 pm	Casino Entertainment	Buses Provided to OK

Thursday, Feb 23

Morning Session	Managing Dynamic Environments	Moderator - Laura Broyles
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8:00- 8:40	<i>Understanding your Environments: Soil, Climate, and Management Capabilities</i>	Dr. BA Stewart, Director of Dryland Agriculture, West Texas A & M University, Canyon, TX
8:50 – 10:20	<i>Fundamental Principles for Successful No-till in the Southern Plains</i>	Dr. Jason Warren, Associate Professor, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
	<i>Reason for Starting No Till and What I’ve Learned</i>	Steve Marten, Producer, Holliday, TX
10:20-10:30	<i>Break/Hope in the Soil, Video 6</i>	
10:30- 11:00	<i>Building a Soil Health Management System on Your Farm</i>	Nathan Haile, NRCS Soil Health Specialist, Temple , TX
	<i>Hope in the Soil, Video 7</i>	
11:00 -12:00	<i>All Speaker Panel</i>	

12:30- 3:30	Field Tour	Sandwich lunch on Bus
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3:30 – 3:45	<i>Management and Farm info Soil Pit Field Soil Health Assessment Cover Crop Walk</i>	Terry McAlister, Electra, TX Carlos Villarreal, NRCS John Sackett, NRCS Nathan Haile, NRCS
3:30 – 3:45	<i>Participants Survey</i>	Draw for Door Prize from Completed Surveys and Adjourn