

Healthy Soils for Healthy Waters

A Symposia Series to Protect the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Systems

The Healthy Soils for Healthy Waters Initiative is dedicated to the development of integrated and whole systems approaches to the sustainable management of agricultural lands that impact our nation's waters. The initiative, focused on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River watersheds, is bringing together researchers, representatives from government and industry, producers, and environmental groups to tackle one of the most pressing natural resource issues of our time.

This initiative began in the fall of 2014 and is organized around the development of data-driven, region-specific case studies highlighting Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce nutrient exports to water resources. At this first Workshop, 150 participants discussed current nutrient management approaches and their efficacy at multiple scales.

In May 2015, the Hypoxia Task Force and SERA 46 Land Grant Universities established joint priorities including water management, agricultural training, and building watershed capacity to advance nutrient management. This was followed by the HSHW symposium which included more than a dozen technical practice presentations that addressed issues related to the natural, social and physical sciences associated with agricultural land management.

The December 2015 symposium will be part of the Nutrient Management and Edge of Field Monitoring (from the Great Lakes to the Gulf) Conference led by the University of Arkansas and the Soil & Water Conservation Society on behalf of the Hypoxia Task Force and SERA 46. The day-one HSHW symposium will focus on crop consultant and producer experiences with Nutrient Management & Soil Amendments, Quality No-Till, Cover Crops, and Water Management.

Days two and three will include region specific case studies in the Great Lakes and Mississippi River watersheds to further management practices to meet national water quality goals.

Calendar

September 14-16, 2014: HSHW Workshop held in Columbus, OH in conjunction with the Farm Science Review.

May 18-20, 2015: HSHW Symposium held in Columbus, OH in conjunction with the Hypoxia Task Force and SERA 46 Spring Meeting.

December 1-3, 2015: HSHW Symposium held in Memphis, TN in conjunction with the Nutrient Management and Edge of Field Monitoring Conference led by the University of Arkansas and the Soil & Water Conservation Society on behalf of the Hypoxia Task Force and SERA 46.

Participation & Sponsorship Opportunities

We invite participants to contribute their knowledge and expertise as well as to consider sponsorship and exhibit opportunities. Sponsorship packages include program advertising, signage, promotions, exhibit space, recognition from the podium, and registration for company representatives among other benefits.

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