

Additional Soil Health Resources from NRCS

General information about soil health and soil function :

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/id/soils/health/?cid=nrcs144p2_046415 this is the Idaho NRCS Soil Health site. The soil health assessment materials are also found here along with a ton of other good soils info.

Other general soil references:

- [Fieldbook for Describing and Sampling Soil, version 3.0](#)
- Photo Tours of [Soils](#) and [Landscapes](#) from Across the Globe, by John Kelley, Soil Scientist, ret.
- [Explore Idaho Soils storymap](#) This is a lot of fun if you'd like something very visual and shows off Idaho soils and talks a little about soil health
- [Web Soil Survey](#)- available soil maps and data

In answer to Jared's question on how water moves through soil I made a comment on capillarity. This video explains why I don't think you'd see water going through macropores straight to the water table without satisfying the rest of the profile first. They present several different scenarios that explain soil/water behavior: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ego2FkuQwxc>



IDAHO 5 FOR 5 SOIL HEALTH: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Round 2!
Jan 27, 1PM
Virtual (see
link below)

Many of you are doing amazing work for soil health across the great state of Idaho. Whether you're an independent farmer/rancher, a soil conservationist, ag consultant, or corporate farm/ranch manager, your experience is important, and we'd like to hear from you! **Don't be shy, be a presenter or contribute to the conversation.** Let's highlight the progress made and lessons learned. After presentations there will be time for question/answer, and open discussion about topics presented.

Suggested soil health topics include:



- first steps/barriers in adoption, problems and solutions
 - new methods or changes in tillage, crops, or inputs
 - economic considerations, marketing
 - incorporation of livestock
 - changes in soil properties/performance, soil moisture efficiency/management
 - use of new technology/equipment
-or any combination of these.



Rules: 5 slides maximum, 5 minutes maximum

Interested in presenting? Please contact shawn.nield@usda.gov by Jan. 20th



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