



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Please join us for a day-long workshop on...

Connecticut's Soil Health

Soil is a living and life-giving substance, without which we would perish.

As world population and food production demands rise, keeping our soil healthy and productive is of paramount importance. So much so that we believe improving the health of our Nation's soil is one of the most important endeavors of our time.

By focusing more attention on soil health and by educating farmers and the public about the positive impact healthy soils can have on productivity and conservation, we can help our Nation's farmers and ranchers feed the world more profitably and sustainably – now and for generations to come.

What:

This workshop is designed to benefit regulators, policy makers, municipal, regional, and state officials to help them understand the importance of healthy soil. It will focus on the continued capacity of the soil to function as a vital living system that sustains plant, animal, and human health. Healthy soils rich in organic matter drain better, have greater disease resistance, and better water holding capacity in times of drought. Healthy soils are important to Connecticut's (and the region's) bottom line.

Soil health experts Ray Archuleta – a.k.a. Ray The Soil Guy – of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Soil Health Team in Greensboro, North Carolina; and Ray Covino, District Conservationist for NRCS's Danielson Service Center will be on hand.

The day will include a keynote speaker, a demonstration of the rainfall simulator, and case studies.

See reverse side for full agenda and registration form.

When:

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 | 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Where:

Scout Hall Youth Center, 28 Abbe Road, East Windsor, CT 06088

Cost:

\$20 per person (includes morning coffee/donuts and lunch)

How to Register:

Register online at <http://whoozin.com/XKT-FWW-7PAE> by November 1st or complete and mail the registration form on the reverse side.

For More Information:

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Agenda

Tuesday, November 4, 2014, East Windsor

9:00-9:15 AM	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	Lisa Coverdale, State Conservationist
9:15-11:00 AM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Ray Archuleta, Conservation Agronomist East Region Technology Center
11:00-11:15 AM	BREAK	
11:15-11:45 AM	RAINFALL DEMONSTRATION	Ray Covino, District Conservationist
11:45-12:45 PM	LUNCH	
12:45-2:00 PM	SOIL FUNCTION AND NUTRIENT CYCLING	Ray Archuleta
2:00-2:15 PM	BREAK	
2:15-4:00 PM	CASE STUDIES	
4:00-4:30 PM	QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION	
4:30 PM	ADJOURN	

Registration Form

Name:		
Organization/Agency:		
Phone:	Email:	
Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
No. of attendees: _____	x \$20.00 = \$ _____	(Total enclosed) Vegetarian meal(s) needed _____
Special Accommodation:		

Complete the registration form and mail it (by November 1st) to:
 Connecticut RC&D, 24 Huls Avenue, Tallard, CT 06066