

6th Annual Western Slope Soil Health Conference

Pressure on agriculture is increasing due to the need for greater production. The importance of effectively managing and using limited resources such as water and nutrients also grows. Soil health is critical to the future of agriculture production on the Western Slope of Colorado. Concerned farmers as well as community groups and government officials on the Western Slope have been able to take soil health education and implement techniques specifically adjusted for the local area. Techniques can be incorporated in existing operations in various ways and at different rates. Many opportunities still remain to increase this knowledge and improve its application.

The Western Slope Soil Health Conference is the premier education event which is designed for the unique challenges this region presents. It also provides ideas from basic to advanced on many applications suited to local conditions. Join us this year on February 11 and 12, 2016 to learn from two prominent national speakers on Soil Health, Gabe Brown and Jay Fuhrer, as well as a host of local and regional speakers who are putting education into practice. Producers large and small will benefit from learning and exchanging ideas and experiences.

Agenda

See website for additions

Thursday, February 11, 2016

<u>Time</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
7:00-8:00	Registration/Breakfast/Networking	Main Auditorium	
8:00-8:30	Welcome/Introduction/Overview	Main Auditorium	Mike Collins
8:30-10:00	Keynote Speaker Gabe Brown	Main Auditorium	Gabe Brown
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11:00	Local Cover Crop Results	Main Auditorium	K Alexander/S Woodis
11:00-11:15	Break		
11:15-12:00	Breakout Session A		
	1. Winter Grazing-Are Your Cows Herbivores?	Main Auditorium	Jay Fuhrer
	2. Local Cover Crop Specifics	Room 1	K Alexander/S Woodis
	3. Small Acreage/Gardeners and Soil Health	Room 2	J Rizza/Additional Local Experts
12:00-1:00	Lunch Break		
1:00-1:45	Breakout Session B		
	1. Gabe Brown	Main Auditorium	Gabe Brown
	2. Economics of Soil Health	Room 1	TBD
	3. Irrigation and Soil Health	Room 2	Jerry Allen/Additional Local Experts
1:45-2:00	Break		
2:00-3:00	Its Not Just Dirt Anymore!	Main Auditorium	Jay Fuhrer
3:15-4:15	Producers Panel	Main Auditorium	TBD
4:15-4:30	Closing/Thank You/Door Prizes	Main Auditorium	Mike Collins

Friday, February 12, 2016

<u>Time</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
7:00-8:00	Registration/Breakfast/Networking		
8:00-8:15	Welcome/Introduction/Overview	Main Auditorium	Mike Collins
8:15-9:00	Keynote Speaker Gabe Brown	Main Auditorium	Gabe Brown
9:00-9:15	Break		
9:15-10:00	Breakout Sessions C		
	1. Carbon-Is Your Operation Business as Usual?	Main Auditorium	Jay Fuhrer
	2. Local Cover Crops	Room 1	K Alexander/S Woodis
	3. Soil Health Amendments	Room 2	J Allen/Additional Local Experts
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11:00	Breakout Sessions D		
	1. Gabe Brown	Main Auditorium	Gabe Brown
	2. Small Acreage/Gardener Soil Health	Room 1	J Rizza/Additional Local Experts
	3. Economics of Soil Health	Room 2	TBD
11:00-11:15	Break		
11:15-12:15	A Quarter Century of Soil Health	Main Auditorium	Gabe Brown and Jay Fuhrer
12:15-12:30	Closing/Door Prizes	Main Auditorium	Mike Collins