



NRCS' Approach to Soil Health

Encouraging the adoption of a long-term system of conservation practices

Soil Health is an approach to managing soil to its optimum potential through a system of conservation practices. This approach results in healthy soil that:

- **reduces erosion;**
- **requires less nutrient inputs;**
- **manages the effects of flood and drought;**
- **reduces nutrient pollution to rivers and streams;**
- **enhances wildlife habitat; and**
- **reduces sediment pollution to rivers and streams;**



The desired result for Indiana cropland is improved soil and water quality, and profitability for Hoosier farmers. A sustainable cropping system allows a farmer to efficiently produce food, feed and fiber in an environmentally sound manner.