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Soil Health is the KEY to Sustainable Agriculture

The Soil Food Web is sustained by:
- Crop Residues
- Root Exudates
- Soil Biota (e.g., predator-prey interactions)
- Manure
- Compost
- Plant Symbiosis & Soil Humus

(Photos: Soil Biology Primer)

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Soil Health is either improving, sustaining or degrading (i.e., management & cultural practices have a major effect on soil health).

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