

Free Agriculture Workshop & Dinner

Plan to Join Us to learn how Healthy Soil will benefit you.

June 27, 2017

Choctaw Nation Soil Health Seminar

Choctaw Nation Community Center - 2750 Big Lots Parkway

Durant, Oklahoma

5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Pre-registration begins at 5:30 PM

Workshop begins at 6:00 PM



The workshop agenda topics include:

- ❖ Overview of the agriculture demonstration, education and outreach efforts being undertaken by the Choctaw Nation in partnership with NRCS
- ❖ Producer benefits Ag Census and NRCS new technology for producers
- ❖ Cover crops, grazing and soil health
- ❖ Producer perspectives on the benefits of soil health
- ❖ Summer crops and soil health options
- ❖ Ongoing research on new crop species and varieties being conducted by the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- ❖ Advantages using a No-Till in Wildlife Management

Those planning to attend are asked to **RSVP by June 21** by calling Clay Pope at 405-699-2087, Jack Hicks at 580-326-3201 (ext. 6019), Carol Crouch at 405-612-9331 or register by e-mail at claygpope@gmail.com or carolcrouch@ok.usda.gov. There is no charge for the meeting and dinner will be provided. Sponsors include the Southern Plains of the United States, the Choctaw Nation, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Redlands Community College and the USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub.

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Agenda 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

5:30 Networking Opportunity - USDA and conservation partners booths

Traditional Opening Prayer

Welcome & Introductions - Clay Pope & Jack Hicks

Choctaw Nation Soil Health Vision

Jack Hicks, Choctaw Nation

National Agriculture Statistics Service

Troy Marshall, NASS

NRCS Conservation Client Gateway Technology

Joe Buford, NRCS Resource Specialist

Dinner - Prayer - Jack Hicks, Choctaw Nation

Cover crops, grazing and soil health

Steve Alspach, State Soil Scientist, USDA NRCS

Soil Health from a producer perspective

Greg Lancaster, McCurtain County

Summer covers and soil health options

Greg Scott, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Ongoing research on new species and cover crops for Oklahoma

TBA, USDA Agricultural Research Service, El Reno

Advantages using a No-Till in Wildlife Management

Brett Peshek, Green Cover Seed

