

On-farm soil health analysis of Scantic Valley Farm

Soil Health Goals:

- 1) covered soil
- 2) living roots
- 3) little soil disturbance
- 4) plant diversity

A. Jot down any notes/observations/findings from our time in each pasture, below (in relation to: Cornell soil health test, forage test, general appearance, animal pressure, exposed soil etc)

Strawberry pasture: used as sacrifice pasture during winter months, occasional use in summer months if pastures really need rest.

1.

2.

3.

Texas pasture: newest pasture with shade around east perimeter, good soil moisture, lightest use in rotation.

1.

2.

3.

Pond pasture: primary pasture, just below barn, access to pond for water, low area, cooler area on hot days.

1.

2.

3.

B. Overall farm observations. (Write down comments for each statement below as it relates to soil health)

Areas the farm is excelling in (i.e. farm goals, animal health, managing inputs or equipment, appearance, forage production)

- 1.
- 2.

Areas the farm could improve on (i.e. areas for potential change the farm is interested in making in the short term and the long term)

- 1.
- 2.

Action steps that can be taken (i.e. infrastructure, management, forages, markets, funding, collaborations)

- 1.
- 2.