

Financial Management

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As an Associate Sponsor, you will receive recognition at all field events and on all reports generated by the project in the year the sponsorship was received. Contributions will be used exclusively for project management & implementation.

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For More Information

If you would have questions, would like more information or would like to schedule a project presentation with your group or organization, please contact one of the Project Cooperators below, or visit our website at www.swndsoilhealth.mandakzerotill.org

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SW ND Soil Health Demonstration Project



Rotation



Cover



No-Till



“...all life depends upon the soil...There can be no life without soil and no soil without life...”

**- Charles E. Kellogg, USDA
Yearbook of Agriculture, 1938**

SW ND Soil Health Demonstration Project



Project Objectives

- ◆ Increase soil organic matter, carbon content, water and nutrient retention.
- ◆ Reduce nutrient, biocide & fuel inputs.
- ◆ Increase profit margins

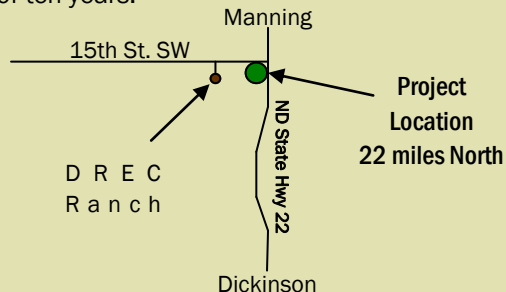
Project Methods

- ◆ Seeding without tillage
- ◆ Graze or harvest mechanically for forage/seed
- ◆ Maintain cover year-round
- ◆ Rotate crops & increase crop diversity
- ◆ Implement cover crops

Project Location & Schedule

The demonstration project will be conducted on land owned by the Dickinson Research Extension Center at the intersection of ND State Highway 22 and 15th St SW near Manning, ND. Phase II is a proposal to increase cover crop and soil health educational opportunities into 19 additional counties in SW North Dakota and bordering counties in Montana and South Dakota.

The demonstration project began in the spring of 2008 and will be conducted for a minimum of ten years.



Project Cooperators

- ◆ Central Stark Soil Conservation District
- ◆ Dunn County Soil Conservation District
- ◆ Western Soil Conservation District
- ◆ Dickinson Research Extension Center
- ◆ Dakota West RC&D
- ◆ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Project Management

A Project Managing Group consisting of one representative each from the three Soil Conservation Districts are currently the decision-makers for all project activities. A Technical Advisory Group provides advice and alternatives for consideration by the Managing Group.

The Project Manager is responsible for overall project management, monitoring, data collection, organization and presentations to outside groups.

Sept. 21st 2011
4th Annual Forage Beef
& Cover Crop Workshop

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