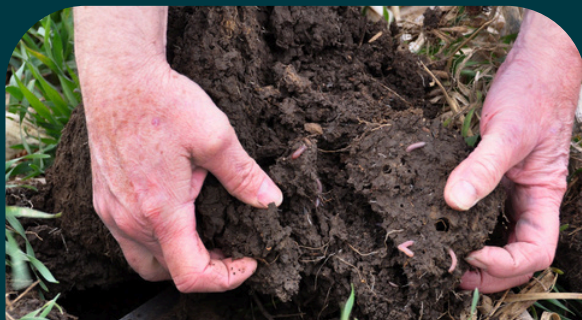




WEATHERING WATER EXTREMES:

Connecting Soil Health, Drainage, Irrigation, and Farm Resilience

Join us for a two-day workshop to balance and build connections between drainage, irrigation, soil health, and more!

Audience: Conservation and agricultural professionals interested in soil health and water management.

What to expect:

- Hear from experts on climate, water management, and soil health.
- See real-world examples through farm tours and farmer conversations.
- Take home practical tools and strategies to improve farm resilience.

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& Register:**

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Plan your attendance:

Pre-registration: \$135*

On-site registration: \$165

*Hotel block available at Fairfield Inn
(Ask for Soil Nexus Participant price)*

***First Timer Discount (\$25)**

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2026 Workshop Schedule

Wednesday, November 4th 9:30am - 7:00pm

- **Registration and Welcome**
- **Climate Trends and Agricultural Implications**
Austin Pearson, Purdue University
Agriculture Meteorologist & Climatologist
- **Drainage Water Quality and Agricultural Resilience**
Ben Reinhart, Conservation Planner at Ecosystems Exchange
- **Lunch**
- **Biosecurity on Today's Farms**
Kathryn Jennings, Purdue Extension Educator
- **Farm Tours featuring:**
 - *Keith Miller Farm: Nearly 50 years of no-till and cover crop management*
 - *Irrigation management and water-use efficiency*
 - *Entomology of No-Till & Cover Crops, Dr. Coy St. Clair*
 - *Conservation Drainage in Action: Planning for Better Water Management, Dr. Eshan Ghane*
- **Dinner and Networking**

Thursday, November 5th 8:30am - 3:00pm

- **Digging into Soil Health: A Facilitator's Guide to Real-World Decisions**
Leslie Johnson, University of Nebraska Extension Educator
- **Irrigation Management: Making Every Drop Count**
Brenden Kelly, Michigan State University Extension Irrigation Educator
- **The Economics of Cover Crops and No-Till**
Michael Langemeier, Purdue University Professor of Agricultural Economics
- **Farmers' Perspectives: Soil Health, Livestock & Water Management**
Farmer Panel
- **Lunch**
- **Farm Tour: Martin Organic Dairy**
Goshen, Indiana

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