

Soil Health Workshop & HOME Pilot Launch

September 8, 2021

Cloud County Fairgrounds Commercial Building

610 Industrial Rd. Concordia, Kansas

- 9:00 am Check in coffee, donuts
- 9:15 am **Introductions and Overview of Heartland Opportunities, Markets & Environment (HOME) Pilot Program**
Lindsey Douglas, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation
Andrew Lyon, Director of Conservation, Kansas Department of Agriculture
- 10:15 am **Principles of Soil Health, Practical Applications**
Josh Lloyd, farmer/rancher Clay Center, Kansas
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 am **Rainfall simulator and soils demonstrations**
Candy Thomas Regional Soil Health Specialist, USDA-NRCS
- 12:15 pm **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm **Pilot Project Sign-up and Cost-share Opportunities**
Andrew Lyon, Director of Conservation, Kansas Department of Agriculture
- 1:15 pm **Increase Water Infiltration, Provide More Forage, Improve Soil Health with Cover Crops**
Chad Simmelink, farmer/rancher Esbon, Kansas
Mike Cleveland, farmer/rancher Concordia, Kansas
- 2:15 pm **KDOT Rail/Freight Plan**
Lindsey Douglas, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation
- 3:00 pm Closing remarks