

# Soil Health Workshop & HOME Pilot Launch

September 2, 2021

Hoxie Community Room, 820 Main, Hoxie, 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**  
Michael Thompson, farmer/rancher Almena, 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**  
Ben Cramer, Farmer/rancher Healy, Kansas
- 2:15 pm **KDOT Rail/Freight Plan**  
Lindsey Douglas, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation
- 3:00 pm Closing remarks

