

Soil Health and Adaptive Grazing Workshop

A Soil Health and Adaptive Grazing Workshop is planned for Thursday, June 6th, 2019 with Shane New as the featured speaker. The morning session will be held from 8:45 am – 12:45 pm at the Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania, Holton, KS with lunch and an afternoon field tour from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. New will discuss the 5 Principles of Soil Health and Adaptive Grazing Management practices. After lunch, the workshop will move to New Family Farms, just North of Holton. During the workshop, there will be a rainfall simulator and water infiltration demonstration. Other discussion topics include: soil aggregate structure; paddock fencing & management; livestock management & selection tips; ending with a questions and answers session.

Shane New, Holton, Kansas

Shane has a keen interest in soil biology and the role it plays as the base for all farms. He has a wealth of experience in all phases of production agriculture.

Shane New is a stockman and entrepreneur from Holton, Kansas. He is a graduate of Kansas State University. Shane was a civil contractor and sod producer for 20 years prior to completely focusing on regenerative agriculture. Despite doing various things, he has been advancing soil health on his operation for many years. Some of these practices include no-tilling, cover crops, rotational grazing, and adaptive grazing.

Shane and his wife Kelli have three children, they own and operate New Family Farms located near Holton, Kansas. The farm consists of cover crops, cattle, and free-range chickens. They currently market their meat and eggs.

Shane and New Family Farms received the Soil Health Award in 2017 by the Jackson County Conservation District. This was awarded for outstanding accomplishments in the management of soil health and related sources. Shane also completed Dr. Elaine Ingham's Life in the Soils courses. His passion is production agriculture and believes that the future for agriculture and human health has to come from regenerative agricultural practices.

Please RSVP to attend by calling Brian Boeckman at 785-364-3329, ext. 136 by May 30th, 2019 to reserve your seating and lunch. Sponsors for the event include: Arbor Sod & Seeding; Delaware WRAPS; Jackson County Conservation District; and the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture-Division of Conservation (KDA-DOC). "Funding provided by the KDA-DOC through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan."

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