



Interest in soil health continues to increase as farmers often experiencing extreme weather conditions and are looking for ways to stabilize or even increase yields. To address this interest, a new nation-wide project called “**Probing Our Country’s Soil Health**” has launched. Goals of this new project center on improving a recently developed tool called Soil Health Assessment Protocol and Evaluation (or SHAPE).

Click on [Probing Our Country’s Soil Health](#) to see a short video, or scan:



For **South Dakota** we need a total of about **80** farmers to participate. Each will contribute 2 or 3 fields (mostly crop fields but some hay or pasture fields).

If interested in participating, you will need to:

- Sign up for a one-hour Zoom Meeting where a facilitator will lead you through a management survey for 2 or 3 fields (sign up below).
- Grant access to fields for hand-probe soil sampling 2 or 3 sampling sites from each field. Normally this will happen 3-6 months after the survey; you will be notified beforehand.

Participating landowners will receive:

- A personalized soil health report of their fields.
- A copy of a book called “Probing Our Country's Soil Health”. This will be a hard-copy photo book illustrating soil health across the country and the outcomes to this project.

To enroll as a landowner participant, select a time from one of the following facilitator schedule links:

<https://scheduler.zoom.us/kaitlin-flick/north-and-south-dakota-probing-our-country-s-soil-health> or scan



<https://scheduler.zoom.us/savannah-kitchen/probing-our-countrys-soil-health-south-dakota> or scan

