



# Soil Scoop!

## Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

Soils are like snowflakes, no two soils are the same.

### Upcoming Events

- October 26th: SWCD Monthly Board Meeting - 7:30 PM at the USDA Service Center
- Indiana District Employees Association Fall Conference Oct 5-7
- October 12th: Columbus Day, USDA Service Center Closed.
- November 11th: Veteran's Day USDA Service Center is Closed.
- November 24th: SWCD Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM at the USDA Service Center
- November 26th and 27th: County Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### Spencer County SWCD Board

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#### District Conservationist

Rita Becker Forler

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### Welcome Dave King, Spencer County SWCD Technician!

Beginning in August, Dave King began working as the District Technician for the Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District. He comes to spencer county with more than 30 years conservation experience.

With his experience, Dave is sure to help make Spencer County a leader among Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Please call 812-649-9136 ext 3 for technical assistance.



### INField Advantage Sampling is finished!

The Spencer Perry Group had eight participants enroll corn fields in our first year partnering with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. Courtney, Dave and Amy (ISDA) were busy collecting samples for stalk nitrate testing at the end of the growing season. Aerial imagery as also used to observe fields for possible issues like soil compaction or equipment malfunctions. The participants will be given their data in the winter, which will hopefully facilitate a group discussion about nutrient management. Stay tuned for more information about a group in Perry and Spencer Counties next year!



**Now scheduling education programs for classrooms and other groups! Please contact Courtney at 812-649-9136 ext 3 for assistance!**

### Cover Crops!

Would you like to protect your soils through the winter and protect your nutrient investments? Consider cover crops this fall! Cover crops can deposit nutrients into the soil, soak up excess nitrogen, recycle nutrients, fight weeds and soil erosion, build and enhance the soil, improve water quality, and be used for grazing or haying. A variety of cover crops will help reduce soil erosion, increase organic matter, improve air and water movement through the soil, reduce soil compaction and help with nutrient cycling!



### Specialty Crop Producers - Interested in Seasonal High Tunnels?

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) provides assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to extend the growing season for high value crops in an environmentally safe manner through Seasonal High Tunnels. The program improves plant quality, improves soil quality, reduces nutrient and pesticide transport, improves air quality through reducing transportation inputs, and reduces energy use by providing consumers with a local source of fresh produce. Interested? Contact us locally at (812) 649-9136 to speak to our District Conservationist, Rita Becker Forler, to begin the program application process. Additional information is available on our website: [www.in.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov).

