Multistate Research Project Annual Report

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Project Title: Land use and management practice impacts on soil carbon and associated

agroecosystems services

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II. Brief summary of minutes of annual meeting:

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rongzhong Ye (Clemson University). We clarified and defined the responsibilities of the project Chair and Chair-Elect. The majority agreed to meet in mid-June at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for the 2024 annual meeting. Dr. Itamar Shabtai will organize and plan the meeting. Drs. Xi Zhang and Kris Osterloh were elected to hold the 2025 and 2026 annual meetings in Louisiana and South Dakota, respectively.

We agreed to continue the discussions on generating review manuscripts and research proposals as a group, including a paper to introduce the history of the NC1178 to celebrate the 40-year mark. Larry Cihacek has agreed to take the lead on the 40-year paper. We agreed upon a tentative new title and objectives for the renewal proposal of NC1178 in 2024. A request for submitting a proposal renewal has been submitted and granted by Christina Holmes. Several inperson participants (DeAnn Presley, Yishui Rui, Rongzhong Ye, Xi Zhang, Sindhu Jagadamma, Kris Osterloh, and Itamar Shabtai) volunteered to contribute and lead the proposal renewal writing process. After the business meeting, each participant made a 20-minute presentation. More details can be found in the attached "Meeting Minutes".

III. Accomplishments:

<u>Research activities:</u> During the past reporting year, the NC1178 participants continued to carry out a range of research studies to evaluate the impacts of intensifying agroecosystems and management practices (e.g., reduced tillage, cover crop and grazing managements) on soil organic C (SOC), soil health, environmental footprint, and profitability (Table 1). Team members carried out a shared vision to promote conservation production systems that improve soil health and sustainability through research and extension services. The team has met the 2023 milestones and will continue to implement the planned project.

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State	PI	Research Activities			
MI	Lin	 Investigate effects of different conservation practices (e.g., cover crops) on the soil chemical profiles using the modern metabolomic approaches 			
WI	Zhu-Barker	 Study effects of green waste and co-composted food waste and green waste on crop yield and soil nitrogen availability 			
NY	Wickings	 Impact of lawn management practices and volcanic rock dust applications to turfgrass on belowground invertebrate diversity and soil carbon cycling 			
СТ	Shabtai	Investigating accrual mechanisms of SOC in the rhizosphereForest cutting methods on SOC stocks			
GU	Golabi	Biochar amendment to increase soil pH and C sequestration			
KS	Presley	 Cover crop and no-till practices on SOC stocks and soil physical properties 			
LA	Zhang	 Exploring the influences of cover cropping induced changes in soil physical environment on soil biogeochemical processes and crop production 			
MA	Hestrin	 Investigating how soil mineralogy and management practices influence mineral associated organic matter stocks and soil nitrogen cycling 			
MA	Kaiser	 Cover crop termination practices on SOM pools and N availability for crops and within soil pools Cover crop seeding rate impact on soil C and N pools 			
NB	Blanco	 N fertilization on winter rye cover crop biomass production N fertilization of cover crops on corn yields 			
ND	Cihacek	 Residue C/N ratio effects on decomposition and soil N availability Impacts of low-rate liming on reducing soil pH in no-till system 			
OS	Lal	Residue retention impacts on grain yield and soil properties			
SC	Ye	 Tillage impacts on soil health and SOC dynamics Interactive impacts of cover cropping and reduced tillage 			
SD	Xu	Soil health and soil carbon assessment under cover crop management, livestock integration, and no till management Integration impacts of cover cropping and livestock			
SD	Osterloh	 soil mineralogy impacts on the uptake of potassium fertilizer. Machine learning technology for creating precision agriculture management zones 			
TN	Jagadamma	 No-tillage combined with cover cropping, crop rotation, and regenerative farming practices have been tested for net SOC storage. Deep-rooted cover crops effects on in increasing subsoil SOC accumulation 			
TX	Noormets	 Management impacts on SOC balance and stock in forest soils Characterize belowground C sensitivity to environmental and biological factors, 			

		 Define role of belowground C in forest soil carbon dynamics Assess the trade-offs between merchantable aboveground productivity of stemwood and soil carbon balance.
TX	Dou	 Rice variety and N fertilization impacts on soil C and N and yield Biomass sorghum and N fertilization impacts on soil C and N and yield
TX	Ale	 Studying cotton yield, SOC and total N under cover crop treatments Effects of grazing intensities/management on SOC stocks
TX	Aburto	 Evaluate the effect of long-term agricultural use on mineral weathering and secondary mineral formation and interaction with soil organic matter and elemental cycling Assess the effect of mineral amendments (i.e., rock powders) on carbon sequestration and as a source of plant nutrients
IN	Rui	Assess effects of land use and management practices on soil carbon and ecosystem services

<u>Outputs:</u> This team has generated a wide range of research-based information and knowledge (Table 2), which has resulted in more than 57 publications in peer-reviewed journals and 92 presentations in academic conferences and meetings. In addition, the team has made 51 extension presentations in field days and workshops during the same period, some of which were reported by local media or news outlets.

Short-term outcomes: Data generated by the research team advanced an understanding of how management practices can be optimized to improve soil health and productivity (Table 2). Research-based information was delivered to targeted audiences through extension services and academic publications. Resulting benefits included, but not limited to: 1) understanding the effects of different conservation practices (e.g., cover crops) on the soil chemical profiles using the modern metabolomic approaches (MI) and simulation models (TX), 2) creating precision agriculture management zones using machine learning technology (SD), 3) optimization of residue return for improving soil chemical and physical properties (e.g., OSU), 4) integrations of cover cropping with other conservation management practices (e.g., SC), 5) improved understanding of the spatial variability of soil physical properties on percolation and nutrient loss (LSU), 6) optimized nutrient management and crop selection for better management outcomes (e.g., TX), and 7) formulated and improved soil health assessment methodologies (e.g., TN). The resulting research data also demonstrated that the adoption of site-specific management recommendations and system-based conservation is necessary and critical to make agriculture a sound solution to climate change and other environmental issues.

<u>Milestones:</u> The team has reached and will soon pass the 2023 milestone of "completion of sample and laboratory analyses". The next milestone in 2024 is "Workshops and meetings; Begin posting of findings on project website and state agricultural experiment station and extension service web sites".

Table 2. Selected major research findings generated by NC1178 participants during 2022-2023

State	PI	Key Findings/Observations
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WI	Zhu-Barker	 Organically managed soil exhibited higher rates of net N mineralization and nitrification than conventionally managed soil, leading to greater nitrate production. The rate of N mineralization in organically managed soil was also more sensitive to temperature increases. Compost application, while maintaining or increasing crop yield, lowered the use efficiency of fertilizer N and increased N mineralization from the soil. The findings underscore compost's role in N cycling and suggest the need for revised nutrient management strategies for more sustainable agriculture.
MI	Lin	• The findings suggested the conservation practices significantly increase the concentrations of the bioactive compounds in the soils that are known to promote the plant health, disease resistant and micronutrients uptake.
СТ	Shabtai	 Maize root exudates preferentially associated with clay-sized particles (<2 μm) The chemical composition of organic C compounds in the rhizosphere was more diverse than in bulk soil. Increased spatial co-localization at the sub-micron scale of C and soil calcium in the rhizosphere than bulk soil indicate that root activity promotes the formation of organo-mineral associations.
GU	Golabi	 SOC and soil quality increased in both southern and northern Guam soils, following the application of biochar. Chemical properties of the soil may be the main factor in determining whether land application of biochar could potentially improve the carbon sequestration of the soil.
KS	Presley	 Aggregate data showed an overall trend of cover crops increasing aggregation compared to no cover treatments. Total carbon results differed with cover crop management, however, there were no differences when converted to a mass per unit area basis (Mg ha⁻¹). The P management strategies had no effects on the physical soil properties.
LA	Zhang	 Based on clay content, the field can be divided into different zones. Different response behaviors of soil water under simulated rainfall were observed for different zones. Water percolation was limited in zones with high clay content, which caused higher surface runoff and higher risk of nutrient losses and impacted crop growth.
NB	Blanco	 Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln suggests that the application of N fertilizer to winter rye cover crops at 50 and 100 kg N/ha may not enhance cover crops biomass production. The use of the cover crops in corn-soybean systems does not negatively impact main crop yields, which can lead to greater

		farmer acceptance of these cover crops management practices as
		they are less likely to affect their bottom line.
ND	Cihacek	 Heavy crop residue accumulation in cooler climates can cause a greater need for N fertilizers because of soil N immobilization during decomposition. Utilizing cover crop residues for their low C:N ratios can potentially mitigate soil N immobilization while reducing the need of additional fertilizer applications in No-till systems. Utilization of low-rate liming can be an economical means to manage soil acidity and maintaining or improving crop productivity as agricultural production practices intensify.
OS	Lal	 The data indicate that 25% of corn residues can be removed for other uses from soils which are similar to those of South Charleston and Hoytville. Including a cover crop in the rotation cycle and grown during the off-season (November through April) is important to maintain an effective soil cover during Winter and early Spring.
SC	Ye	 Conservation tillage alone may not be efficient enough to increase soil organic C and overall soil health in the sandy Ultisols of the southeastern US. Integrating cover crops with larger biomass production potentials or fertilizing the cover crop in the winter may be required to increase biomass production for beneficial outcomes.
SD	Xu	 Long-term no-till management improved soil microbial biomass. Cover cropping benefited soil physical and biochemical properties.
SD	Osterloh	 The efficiency of potassium fertilizer is impacted by soil mineralogical type, but only at relatively high levels of fertilizer. application. Smectitic soils show a smaller yield increase as K fertilizer rates reach 60+% of maximum recommended application rate, when compared to mixed or illitic mineralogy soils. Environmental covariates show a strong correlation with soil management zones, allowing for the potential of machine learning tools to automatically create these management zones and optimize soil sampling numbers to reduce overall producer costs.
TN	Jagadamma	 Long-term conservation practices using deep-rooted grass-type cover crops resulted in significant subsoil SOC accumulation via a combination of a) increased mineral-associated SOC fraction and b) improved microbial functional traits associated with C cycling (potential extracellular enzymatic activity and carbon-use efficiency). A core set of soil properties that are considered early indicators of changes in soil health were characterized.
TX	Noormets	We have demonstrated that soil CO ₂ efflux and ecosystem net CH ₄ exchange are functionally coupled to the diurnally varying

		 availability of plant-derived carbohydrates as the metabolic substrate. We quantified belowground allocation and partitioning of carbon to fine root, fungi and auto- and heterotrophic respiration at different prescribed burn frequencies. The greatest soil C accumulation was observed at intermittent burn interval of 2-3 years compared to annual and no-burn regimes.
TX	Dou	Our field studies indicated that biomass sorghum production could impact soil C sequestration depending on specific cultivar planted and nitrogen fertilization rate.
TX	Ale	 Cover crops improved simulated soil organic carbon by 11-19% and total nitrogen by 4-14%, and enhanced crop water productivity in the Texas Rolling Plains cotton production systems under both irrigated and dryland conditions. Simulated adoption of adaptive multi-paddock grazing management on all grazing lands in a rangeland-dominated watershed (72% area) in northwest Texas increased soil organic carbon by 7.5% and reduced carbon losses in runoff and sediment by 51-54% when compared to heavy continuous grazing.
TX	Aburto	 Conversion from natural forest to plantation forest substantially alters carbon and nutrient biogeochemical cycling and the capacity of the soils to store organic carbon Significant changes in weathering rates and patterns due to conventional agricultural practices using the over a century-old Morrow experimental plots in the U. of Illinois

IV. Impacts

During 2022-2023, the NC1178 project attracted at least five new researchers to join in the team. This project continued to assemble a wide range of expertise coupled with a long-term continuum of members and participants to provide a platform for new researchers to develop research that addresses evolving issues in crop production and environmental quality. The research and extension activities conducted by this team across the U.S. have not only scientific merits, but also ecological, economic, and social impacts.

<u>Demonstrating the importance of soil health</u>. Building healthy and resilient soils is the central focus of most soil conservation programs being implemented worldwide. Team members demonstrated the importance of soil health to various agroecosystem functions and its capacities to provide food, fiber and services to humans and animals. In addition, team members are developing soil health assessment frameworks, emphasizing the significance of site-specific indicators, to be used by professionals and the general public to guide sustainable agricultural management practices.

<u>Promoting sustainable soil management.</u> The outcome of this project reinforces the concept of using soil health principles in production agriculture. The research results provide information towards the development of management guidelines to improve the designed agronomic and environmental outcomes.

<u>Social benefits to society</u>. The results generated by the team research allow future researchers and farmers alike to improve N use-efficiency in row cropping systems by minimizing its losses as ammonia, nitrous oxide, and nitrate. The increased fertilizer use-efficiency will increase the economic competitiveness of production agriculture (i.e., less fertilizer inputs), mitigate its climate impacts (i.e., less greenhouse gas emissions), and reduce water degradation potential (i.e., less nitrate leaching to aquatic systems), all of which improve the well-being of individual in the society by improving air and water quality. Meanwhile, the studies on the responses of soil C dynamics will allow the development of management practices to mitigate the negative effects of climate change by promoting C sequestration.

<u>Grant and Resources obtained</u>: In addition to the below equipment, the team members secured more than \$6.2M of grants in total because of project's activities.

Equipment:

- 1. Osterloh, Kris: ATV mounted Giddings hydraulic soil sampling probe.
- 2. Noormets, Asko: Thermo FlashSmart NC Soil elemental analyzer, Eppendorf centrifuge.
- 3. Ye, Ronzhong: Shimadzu TOC analyzer, LECO CN analyzer
- 4. Lin, Chung-Ho: Waters UPLC TQ-XS MS/MS, Applied Biosystem digital AbsoluteQ PCR
- 5. Rui, Yichao: Molecular Devices SpectraMax iD3 Multi-Mode Microplate Detection Platform, Shimadzu TOC analyzer
- 6. Zhang, Xi: KSAT system (soil hydraulic conductivity analysis); (2) HYPROP system (wet end soil water retention analysis); (3) WP4C water potential meter (dry end soil water retention analysis); (4) VARIOS system (soil thermal properties analysis); (5) TEROS 12 sensor (soil volumetric water content, temperature, and EC measurements); (6) TEROS 21 sensor (soil matric potential measurement)
- 7. Xu, Sutie: Soil moisture sensors, deep soil sampler
- 8. Hestrin, Rachel: Dual carbon isotope analyzer.
- 9. Shabtai, Itamar: LICOR CO₂ analyzer, Bruker Invenio S FTIR.
- 10. Aburto, Felipe: Rigaku Primus iV Wavelength Dispersive X-Ray fluorescence spectrometer for total elemental analysis, Thermo Nicolet Fourier-Transform Infrared analyzer connected to a Waters Thermal Analysis Thermogravimetry-differential scanning calorimeter for evolved gas analysis.

Funding:

- 1. **Noormets, A.,** DeForest. Tracing the carbon flow from plants to soil. USDA-NIFA Fundamental and Applied Sciences. 08/2023-07/2026 (\$749,846)
- 2. Lee, J; **Jagadamma**, **S.** Row crop production under climate change assessment of sustainable management practices and soil additives in sand deposited fields. USDA-Agricultural Research Service, 09-2022 to 08-2023 (\$103,704).
- 3. **Jagadamma, S**; Walker, F., Singh, S., Duncan, L., McClure, M., Upendram, S. Demonstrating the impacts of cover crops for soil health and farm profitability in Tennessee. Tennessee Department of Agriculture, 10-2019 to 09-2024 (**\$434,613**).
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- 5. **Chun-Ho, Lin,** Impact of Long-Term Cover Cropped Organic Farming Practices on the Development of Disease Suppressive Soils USDA Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) 9/1/2022-7/31/2025 (\$490,000).
- 6. **Chun-Ho, Lin,** CAFNR Matching Assistantship Program C-MAP 1/1/2023-12/30/2027 (\$50,000).
- 7. **Chun-Ho, Lin,** Center for Agroforestry at the University of Missouri, USDA/ARS Dale Bumpers Small Farm Research Center under agreement number 58-6020-6-001 from the USDA Agricultural Research Service 1/1/2023-12/30/2027 (\$50,000).
- 8. Mowrer, J., N. Raja, and **F, Dou.** Aertime: Calibrating AWD irrigation timing for Texas rice. 2022. USDA NIFA Foundation program. 2023-2027. (**\$739,340**).
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- 13. **Dou, F.** 2022. Rice varietal evaluation, ratoon, and nutrient management improvement for Texas production practices. Texas Rice Research Foundation. 2022-2024. (\$59,925).
- 14. **Presley, DeAnn,** Enhanced Soil Carbon Farming as a Climate Solution, 9/9/22 to 7/31/23, Kansas Corn Commission, (\$20,000) annually for 5 years.
- 15. **Presley, DeAnn,** Enhanced Soil Carbon Farming as a Climate Solution, 3/1/22-3/1/27, FFAR, \$15,000,000 (KSU: **\$375,000**).
- 16. **Sutie**, **Xu**, USDA Organic Transitions Program. Can living mulch enhance soil health and ecosystem services of organic vegetable production systems in South Dakota? (\$749,998).
- 17. **Sutie**, **Xu**, South Dakota Oilseeds Council. Impacts of N fertilizer placement method and rate on sunflower growth, yield, seed oil content and N use efficiency. (\$20,715).
- 18. **Sutie**, **Xu**, South Dakota Nutrient Research and Education Council. Impact of Phosphorus Soil Test Level Differences on Crop Response in No-Till Soils in Central South Dakota. (\$91,948).
- 19. **Sutie**, **Xu**, Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council: Site-specific Soybean Cyst Nematodes Detection Using EC Mapping. (\$44,018).
- 20. **Zhang, X.**, C. Jeong, S. Dodla and S. D. Conger. Spatial variability of soil properties in agricultural fields: what does this mean for soil water and nutrients management and crop production in Louisiana. *Louisiana Soybean and Grain Research and Promotion Board*. Apr. 2022-Mar. 2024. (\$54,150)
- 21. Support small-scale limited resources farmers for climate-smart commodities using innovative approaches. USDA-NRCS- Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities RFP # USDA-NRCS-COMM-22-NOFO0001139. Ram Ray (PI, PVAMU), Nithya Rajan (PI,

- TAMU), **Felipe Aburto** (Co-Pi, TAMU), UH, and Michigan Aerospace Corporation. Total funiding: \$4,997,381, Dr. Aburto's Program: \$537,538
- 22. Unravel molecular soil and water organic and mineral structures through FTIR thermal evolved gas analysis. Texas A&M AgriLife Research FY23 Equipment RFP. PI: **F. Aburto**, CoPI: Calabrese, S, Deng, J. Howe, J. Mohanty, Binayak, Rajan, N. Smith, P. West, J. Total funding: 87,137 Dr. Aburto's Program: 87,137.
- 23. Soil development and functional recovery after revegetation of a fly ash landfill. PIs: Dr. Aguayo, M. and **Dr. Aburto, F**. Agreement TAMU-UDEC SRS# 2208800. Total funding: \$582,000, Dr. Aburto's Program: \$217,987
- 24. Runoff and Leaching Losses of Commonly Used Herbicides as Influenced by Urban Landscape Composition. TAMU TICER NIH Pilot Projects Programs. Total Funding: 50,000. **Dr. Aburto's** Program: 5,000

V. Publications

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- 3. Zhu-Barker, X. Compost Application in Sandy Soils: Unpacking the Environmental Implications of Nitrogen Cycling within the Framework of Climate-Smart Agriculture. Global Conference Sandy Soils. Madison, WI. June 4- 8, 2023
- 4. Zhu-Barker, X. 2023. Dairy-land management: Methods to minimize environmental impacts. PDPW Business Conf., 15-16 Mar. 2023, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- 5. Zhu-Barker, X. 2023. Nitrous Oxide Emissions and compost management. Agroecology Seminar series. March 29, 2023

- 6. Savannah M. Hass, William R. Horwath, Xia Zhu-Barker. Compost Effects on Nitrogen Cycling: Isotopic Investigation. ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. November 7, 2022
- 7. Cole Smith, Maria de la Fuente, Xia Zhu-Barker, William Horwath. Organic Amendments Impact Fertilizer N Crop Uptake and Soil Retention. ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. November 7, 2022
- 8. Geoffrey Koch, Xia Zhu-Barker, William Horwath. Unexpected Fate of Leached Nitrogen: Attenuation By Denitrification in the Vadose Zone. ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. November 9, 2022
- 9. X. Zhu-Barker. Sustainable Agricultural Management for Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change. Department Research Day. Sept. 6, 2022
- 10. Xia Zhu-Barker. Organically Managed Crop Systems are More Resilient to Climate Change than Conventional Systems: Isotopic Evidence. World Congress of Soil Science, Glasgow, UK. August 1, 2022
- 11. Geoff Koch, Xia Zhu-Barker, William Horwath. Nitrate Leaching Potential From Dairy Manure Composting Operations in California: Attenuation by Denitrification in the Vadose Zone. World Congress of Soil Science, Glasgow, UK. August 2, 2022
- 12. Cole Smith, Maria de la Fuente, Xia Zhu-Barker, William Horwath. Organic amendments reducing fertilizer derived N₂O emissions dependent on climate conditions. World Congress of Soil Science, Glasgow, UK. August 4, 2022
- 13. Ale, S., Samanta, S., Singh, J., Himanshu, S.K., DeLaune, P.B., & Morgan, C.L.S. 2022. Simulated field- and watershed-scale effects of conservative practices in semi-arid rainfed crop production systems. International Conference on Reimagining Rainfed Agro-ecosystems: Challenges & Opportunities. Organized by ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad, India. December 22-24, 2022.
- 14. Ale, S., Singh, J., Singh, B., Bawa, A., Stotz, M., Dowhower, S., DeLaune, P., Steffens, T., Wang, T., Gomez-Casanovas, N., and Teague, W.R. 2022. Improving soil ecosystem health and resilience through cover crops and pasture cropping. A Community on Ecosystem Services (ACES) Conference. Washington, D.C., December 12-15, 2022.
- 15. Singh, J., Simbi Mvuyekure, R. F., Ale, S., Lewis, K. L., Burke, J. A., & Cobos, C. 2022. Evaluation of the DNDC Model on an Amarillo Fine Sandy Loam Soil at Lamesa in the Southern High Plains of Texas. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 6-9, 2022.
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- 29. Noormets A (2022) Flux partitioning and beyond. Belowground carbon dynamics in three acts. Institute of Geography, University of Tartu, June 21.
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- 38. Ye, R. (2023). Bridging the gaps: investigating soil biogeochemical processes to understand and improve soil health. PES Department Seminar, Clemson, SC.
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- 50. Lamichhane, S., Dou, F., and McClung, A. 2022. An Evaluation of Different Organic Soil Amendments on Grain Yield, Yield Components, and Milling Qualities in Rice. ASA, CSSA, and SSSA International Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. November 2022.
- 51. Lamichhane, S., Dou, F., Yang, Y., Laser, H., and Gentry, T. J. 2022. Evaluation of RGB-Based Vegetation Indexes from UAV Imagery to Estimate Nitrogen Status and Grain Yield in Rice. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. November 2022.
- 52. Lal, R. 2022. Soil Carbon Sequestration as a Mechanism for Reducing Emissions. Bioenergy Workshop. Bioenergy Technology Office, DOE, Washington, D.C. 28-29 March.
- 53. Lal, R. 2022. Managing Soils for Healing the Land. State of the Planet. Earth Day Event. IUGS Earth Day. 22 April 2022.
- 54. Lal, R. 2022. Regenerative Agriculture for Soil Carbon Management and Sequestration. Regenerative Society Foundation Meeting. Milan, Italy. 4 May 2022.
- 55. Lal, R. 2022. Managing Soils for Sustainable Production of Soybean in Brazil. IX Brazilian Soybean Congress. Iguassu Falls, Brazil. 15-17 May 2022.
- 56. Lal, R. 2022. No-Tillage System, Improving Soil Life, Environmental Sustainability and Social Wellbeing. 18th National Meeting on Direct Planting in Straw and First World Meeting of the Direct Planting System. Grand Carima Resort and Convention Center, Iguasu Falls, Brasil. 5 July.
- 57. Kortokrax, A, N. Nelson, K. Roozeboom, G. Kluitenberg, P. Tomlinson, D. Sweeney, G. Pierzynski, A. Sheshukov, and A. Bhandari. 2022. Development and Evaluation of a Component Phosphorus Index for the State of Kansas. [Abstract]. Governor's Water Conference, Manhattan, KS.
- 58. Correira, A., P. Tomlinson, and D. Presley. 2022. Effects of over crops on soil moisture retention and yield in four on-farm sites in Kansas. [Abstract]. Governor's Water Conference, Manhattan, KS.
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- 66. Stahl, K, S. Baughman, and D. Presley. 2022. Water Stable Aggregation: Comparing Lab Methods with a Smartphone App, and the Potential Use for Ag Extension and Education. [Abstract] American Society of Agronomy. Baltimore, MD. Oral presentation.
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- (Poster presentation).
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- 80. Vital, S., S. Xu, and P. Sexton. 2022. How do different tillage practices affect soil organic carbon, total nitrogen, and microbial PLFA on commercial farms in central South Dakota? ASA CSSA SSSA annual meeting. (Poster presentation).
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- 85. Crovo O.*#Aburto F. Aguilera N. Leal F. (Oral) Response of Soil Functions to Soil Covers after Rehabilitation and Rewilding of a Fly-Ash Landfill. XIV Soil Science Society of Chile Congress: "Suelos para el Soporte del Bienestar Social y Protección del Medio Ambiente". Valdivia, Chile. 22-25 Nov 2022. [Supervised Graduate Student Oral Presentation]
- 86. Leal F.*# Aburto F. Aguilera D. Echeverría C. Gatica P. (Poster) Forest degradation alters litter production, decomposition dynamics, and soil mesofauna community in southern temperate forests. XIV Soil Science Society of Chile Congress: "Suelos para el Soporte del Bienestar Social y Protección del Medio Ambiente". Valdivia, Chile. 22-25 Nov 2022. [Supervised Graduate Student Oral Presentation]
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- 88. Aburto, F. Castillo, P*. Albornoz, M.F. Crovo, O. (Poster). Forest conversion to plantations induces changes in soil chemistry and mineralogy. XIV Soil Science Society of Chile Congress: "Suelos para el Soporte del Bienestar Social y

- Protección del Medio Ambiente". Valdivia, Chile. 22-25 Nov 2022. [Supervised Postdoc Presentation]
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- 90. Aburto, F. Castillo, P*. Albornoz, M.F. (Poster) Forest conversion to plantations induces changes in soil chemistry and mineralogy World Congress of Soil Science, Glasgow UK 1-5 Aug 2022.
- 91. Aburto, F*. (Oral) Rapid response of soil functions to soil cover after rehabilitation of a fly ash landfill. 42 WG3.3-2. 22nd World Congress of Soil Science, Glasgow UK 1-5 Aug 2022.
- 92. Aburto, F. (Oral) Soil Forest CNP dynamics and pools altered after deciduous native forest conversion to pine plantations. 41 WG3.2-2. 22nd World Congress of Soil Science, Glasgow UK 1-5 Aug 2022.

VII. Extension Services and Reports

- 1. Aburto, F. (Oral). Forest degradation and recovery. 60th Annual Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop, College Station, TX, USA. 7-8 Feb 2023.
- 2. Aburto, F. (Oral). Soil Type Dependency of C:N:P and mineralogical alterations after native forest conversion to Plantations. 59th Annual Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop, College Station, TX, USA. 8-9 Feb 2022.
- 3. Xia Zhu-Barker. N management and cropping systems: compost, manure, and environmental impacts. Discovery Farm Conference. Dec 14th, 2022. Wisconsin Dells, WI
- 4. Bera, T, Y. Yang, H. AraJi, F. Dou, and L.T. Wilson. Biomass Yield Dynamics of energy crops in southeast Texas. Annual Field Day of Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center. Beaumont, TX. July 2022.
- 5. Madrid, L., R. St Aime, R. Ye, S. Narayanan (2023). "Cover-up" for environmentally friendly farming. Southern cover crop conference. Baton Rouge, LA. The student won 2nd place in the Graduate Student Competition.
- 6. Dou, F., J. Samford, and S. Lamichhane. 2022. 2021 Varietal evaluation and N application for rice main and ratoon crop yield potential. Texas Rice Field Day at Eagle Lake Research Station. June 2022.
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- 8. Lamichhane, S., Tarpley, L., and Dou, F. (2022). Effect of Excess Magnesium Supply on Growth, Physiology, Yield, and Mineral Content in Rice. Texas A & M AgriLife Research Center, Beaumont, TX, 74th Annual Field Day. July 2022.
- 9. Wilson, L. T., R.E. Tabien, S.O. P.B. Samonte, X.-G. Zhou, L. Tarpley, F. Dou, and Y. Yan. 2022. Rice crop: Growth and development. In Texas Rice Production Guidelines, eds. L.T. Wilson, X.-G. Zhou, S.O. P.B. Samonte, B. Morace, and M. O. Way. Texas A&M AgriLife Research. B-6131: 3-12.
- 10. Samonte, O.P.B., R.E. Tabien, X.-G. Zhou, F. Dou, L.T. Wilson, Z. Yan, M-H. Chan, M.O. Way, and S.K. Talukder. 2022. Rice crop: Varietal selection. In Texas Rice Production Guidelines, eds. L.T. Wilson, X.-G. Zhou, S.O. P.B. Samonte, B. Morace, and M. O. Way. Texas A&M AgriLife Research. B-6131: 15-25.

- 11. Yang, Y., L.T. Wilson, J. Wang, J. Samford, F. Dou, and L. Tarpley. 2022. Rice crop: Development advisory. In Texas Rice Production Guidelines, eds. L.T. Wilson, X.-G. Zhou, S.O. P.B. Samonte, B. Morace, and M. O. Way. Texas A&M AgriLife Research. B-6131: 25-28.
- 12. Dou, F. and Y. Yan. 2022. Agronomic Management: Land and seedbed preparation. In Texas Rice Production Guidelines, eds. L.T. Wilson, X.-G. Zhou, S.O. P.B. Samonte, B. Morace, and M. O. Way. Texas A&M AgriLife Research. B-6131: 29-31.
- 13. Tarpley L., M.O. Way, X.G. Zhou, and F. Dou. 2022. Agronomic Management: Seed treatments. In Texas Rice Production Guidelines, eds. L.T. Wilson, X.-G. Zhou, S.O. P.B. Samonte, B. Morace, and M. O. Way. Texas A&M AgriLife Research. B-6131: 31-32.
- 14. Dou, F. and L. Tarpley. 2022. Agronomic Management: Nitrogen management. In Texas Rice Production Guidelines, eds. L.T. Wilson, X.-G. Zhou, S.O. P.B. Samonte, B. Morace, and M. O. Way. Texas A&M AgriLife Research. B-6131: 37-41.
- 15. Tarpley L., F. Dou, M.O. Way, X.G. Zhou, and R.E. Tabien. 2022. Agronomic Management: Ratoon crop management. In Texas Rice Production Guidelines, eds. L.T. Wilson, X.-G. Zhou, S.O. P.B. Samonte, B. Morace, and M. O. Way. Texas A&M AgriLife Research. B-6131: 42-45.
- 16. Kommineni, V., S. Xu, D. Clay, A. Bly, and M. G. Nisrani. 2023. Investigating soil health under cover crops integrated with organic amendments in South Dakota cropping systems. Midwest Cover Crops Council Annual Meeting. (Poster presentation).
- 17. Ghimire, N., P. Chakraborty, S. Xu, and P. Sexton. 2023. Soil Hydro-Physical Properties Under Cover Cropping and Livestock Integration in South Dakota Crop Rotation Systems. Midwest Cover Crops Council Annual Meeting. (Poster presentation).
- 18. Vital, S., S. Xu, and C. Zilverberg. 2023. Impacts of Mixtures of C4-C3 Grass Species Cover Crops on Soil Organic Carbon and Total Nitrogen, Water Extractable Carbon, Dry Aggregate Distribution, and Aggregate-Associated Carb, Midwest Cover Crops Council Annual Meeting. (Poster presentation).
- 19. §Noormets A (2022) Multiobjective forest management: balancing timber, wildlife habitat and climate mitigation services in the changing world. Texas Society of American Foresters Meeting, April 7, 2022, Lufkin, TX.
- 20. Wang, H., G. Schnabel, J.C. Melgar, R. Ye, M. Vassalos, and B. Blaauw. (2023). Development of sustainable strategies for managing bacterial diseases and improving tree health in the peach production system. Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference, Savannah, GA, January 2023.
- 21. Rui, Y. 2023. Understanding the Role of Microbes in Soil Organic Matter Building and Functioning. Indiana Hort Conference & Expo. West Lafayette, IN. 24 January.
- 22. Rui, Y. 2023. Soil Health and C Building in Row Crop and Pasture Systems. Indiana Grazing Schools. Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center, Dubois, IN. 10 June.
- 23. Rui, Y. 2023. Soil Health and C Building in Row Crop and Pasture Systems. Indiana Grazing Schools. Randolph County Extension Office, Winchester, IN. 16 June.
- 24. Zhang, X. Soil physical processes and soil health. Red River Research Station Water Quality and Irrigation Workshop, Bossier City, LA. Sep. 1, 2022.
- 25. Shabtai, I.A., Soil organic carbon: a key component of soil health in a changing climate. (2022) CAES Plant Science Day, Hamden CT.
- 26. Shabtai, I.A., Soil organic carbon sequestration for soil health and climate change mitigation (2022), Connecticut Agricultural Expo 2022.

<u>DeAnn Presley</u>:

- 27. September 13, 2022. Soil health and forage field tour. McPherson Co, KS. 40 attended.
- 28. September 14-15, 2022. Compost Operators School. Manhattan, KS. 20 attended.
- 29. September 30, 2022. On farm meeting with landowner in Pottawatomie County KS to discuss soil health.
- 30. October 5, 2022. Healthy Soils for Landscapes and Gardens. K-State Garden Hour online webinar series presenter. 416 attended live. https://youtu.be/YqEsFfbzT98
- 31. November 9, 2022. Soil health and soil carbon. Grass and Grain Farm and Ranch Show. Manhattan. 15 attended.
- 32. December 6, 2022. Grazing cover crops and crop residue. Ag Econ Extension Update. Salina. 30 attended.
- 33. December 22, 2022. Answered email question from extension agent about a crop residue burn. Flint Hills District.
- 34. December 22, 2022. Answered phone question about tillage and soil moisture from a central KS farmer.
- 35. December 21, 2022. Answered phone question about compost and salts from an KC area landowner.
- 36. January 10, 2023. Answered email question about soil texture accuracy from an onsite wastewater systems designer.
- 37. January 12, 2023. Cover crops and tillage research in McPherson and Harvey counties, KS. Flickner Innovation Winter Meeting, Inman, KS. 80 attended.
- 38. February 17, 2023. On-farm chat with landowner about cover crops. Pottwatomie Co., KS.
- 39. February 21, 2023. Soil health update to KS Corn Commission. Manhattan, KS. 15 attended.
- 40. February 22, 2023. On-farm chat with landowner about soil carbon. Pottwatomie Co., KS.
- 41. March 3, 2023. Recorded podcast for onsite wastewater systems. Sedgwick Co. 2 attended.
- 42. March 24, 2023. Cover crops and soil health. On farm field day, Pott County, KS. 40 attended.
- 43. March 28-29, 2023. Site and soil evaluation for onsite wastewater treatment systems. Kansas Small Flows Association. Wichita, KS. 30 attended.
- 44. April 5, 2023. Climate change adaptation. KS NE Regional Envirothon. 50 attende.
- 45. April 6, 2023. Soil question from county health department official.
- 46. April 14, 2023. Environmental soil science and painting with soil: Science meets art. Rock Creek Middle School STEAM event. 50 attended.
- 47. April 20, 2023. Compost training and testing. KS WORKS conference, Manhattan, KS. 20 attended.
- 48. April 21, 2023. Cropping systems tour of eastern KS with SASES students. 50 attended.
- 49. April 24, 2023. On-farm composting for Agron 305 classes. 60 attended.
- 50. April 29, 2023. Soil and water conservation merit badge training for boy scouts. 12 attended.
- 51. May 16, 2023. Meeting with Wisconsin dairy equipment salesman to talk about soil crusting and sand applications.

NC1178 Annual Meeting 6/13/2023-6/14/2023 PeeDee Research Education Center, Florence, SC

6/13/2022 9:00am-6:10pm

Participants:

<u>In-person:</u> DeAnn Presley, Itamar Shabtai, Mohammad Golabi, Rongzhong Ye, Xi Zhang, Kristopher Osterloh, Yishui Rui, Larry Cihacek, Kristopher Osterloh, Sindhu Jagadamma

Virtually: Srinivasulu Ale, Klaus Lorenz, Xia Zhu Barker, Ching-Ho Lin.

What Happened/Discussed:

Vice Chair duties and responsibilities:

- 1. Vice-Chair will be the Chair for the following year
- 2. Take notes for the annual meeting
- 3. Summarize meeting minutes
- 4. Compile project report to Gary; synthesize in more detail following the guideline in a timely manner
- 5. Plan and host the next annual meeting as the Chair

Items agreed upon:

- 1. The 2024 annual meeting will be hosted by Itamar Shabtai at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT
- 2. Xi Zhang volunteered to serve as the Vice-Chair for 2023-2024 (Chair 2024-2025); the annual meeting will be held at the Red River Research Station, LA, in 2025.
- 3. Kris Osterloh will be the Vice-Chair for 2024-2025, the annual meeting will be held at SD State in 2025
- 4. Gary Pierzynski will continue to be the Administrative Advisor for our project.

Project update presentation (20 min each):

- 1. Srinivasulu Ale, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- 2. Klaus Lorenz, The Ohio State University
- 3. Itamar Shabtai, Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station
- 4. Kris Osterloh, South Dakota State University
- 5. Sindhu Jagadamma, University of Tennessee
- 6. Larry Cihacek, North Dakota State University
- 7. Xi Zhang, Louisiana State University
- 8. Mohammad Golabi, University of Guam
- 9. Yichao Rui, Purdue University
- 10. DeAnn Presley, Kansas State University
- 11. Rongzhong Ye, Clemson University

Project proposal renewal:

1. The project needs to be renewed by 9/30/2024.

9/15/2023 is the deadline to request to write a proposal.

10/15/2023 is the deadline to submit proposal Objectives and Issues and Justifications sections

12/1/2023 is the due day for the full proposal submission.

- 2. A new project title was proposed "Optimizing soil and land use management for climate-resilient agroecosystems" as well as new project objectives:
 - Evaluate management effects (e.g., tillage systems, crop residues, cover crops, biochar application, perennial systems) on soil organic C, soil health, productivity, environmental footprints (e.g. GHG emissions, water quality/quantity, soil erosion, input use efficiency), and conservation.
 - Evaluate soil functions and ecosystem services using systems-based approaches to improve management decisions in working agricultural lands.
 - An online draft of the proposal is available here.
- 3. Kris Osterloh, Deann Presley, Rongzhong Ye, Itamar Shabtai, Yishui Rui and others volunteered to lead the writing of the proposal renewal.
- 4. *Proposal writing timeline:*

8-10/2023 finalize Objectives and Issues and Justification sections

10/2023-12/2023 finalize proposal 1/2024-7/2024 proposal revisions if necessary project start in October 2024

- 5. Appendix E. All members will need to resign to join the renewed project.
- 6. For more information on the proposal renewal process, please visit <u>here</u>.

Other matters:

- 1. Writing a review of the NC1178 History to a peer-review journal to celebrate the 40-year remark. Dr. Larry Cihacek has volunteered to take the lead.
- 2. The Annual report will be submitted 60 days from now.