

Happy Healthy Soils Week 2020!

November 30 to December 5, 2020, is Healthy Soils Week (<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/healthysoilweek/>). Despite not having the opportunity to gather for traditional in-person meetings, we continue to highlight virtual alternatives so you may have an opportunity to access the latest information and view ongoing events.

Cover Crops for Water Conservation (December 7 – 8, 2020; Hosted by Madera/ Chowchilla RCD)

Madera and Chowchilla Resource Conservation District is offering a zoom meeting on December 7 entitled, “Introduction and Benefits of Cover Crops/Grower Interviews/Q&A.” There will also be limited capacity in-field demonstrations in Chowchilla on December 8. Please see the flyer for additional details and email (amfulford@ucanr.edu) for zoom link information.

In-Field Video of Water Infiltration Measure- ment (Healthy Soils Demonstration Project)

Water infiltration is an important physical component of soil health. This video was recorded to demonstrate how water infiltration measurements can be completed quickly and easily in the field. The video was recorded at the USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Center in Lockeford, CA, and made possible with a 2018 CDFA Healthy Soils Demonstration grant. Updates from this project, *Monitoring Field Border Installation and Establishment for Soil Health*, will be shared in future newsletters.

Link to water infiltration video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2MO4iy8bB8&t=1s>

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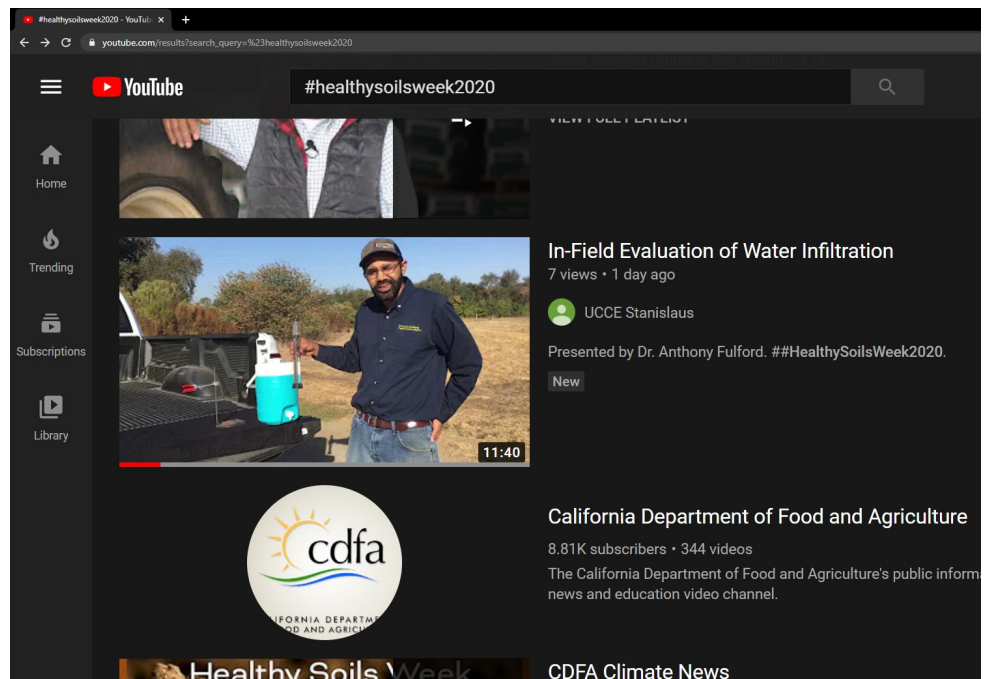
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Discover How to Save Water with Cover Crops

- Soil Health – What is it and why should I care?
- Benefits of a healthy soil
- Components of Soil Health
- What is Water Conservation and how is it achieved
- Cover Crops role in keeping more water in your ground and not on your neighbors
- Measure the effects or “how am I doing”
- See demonstrations of water saving effects of cover crops
- Hear from growers in your area who are already saving water
- Learn about their successes growing cover crops and lessons learned for improvement
- Steps for Cover Crop success

Part 1

(3) Zoom meetings to fit your schedule

Introduction and Benefits of Cover Crops/Grower Interviews/ Q & A

- 1st Zoom Monday Dec 7th at 12:30 to 1:30 after lunch (English)
- 2nd Zoom Monday Dec 7th at 3:30 to 4:30 (Spanish)
- 3rd Zoom Monday Dec 7th at 5:00 to 6:00 (English)

Part 2

In-Field Demonstrations

Actual field demonstration and equipment overview.

Rob Shuh's Farm (9643 S Vista Ave, Chowchilla, CA 93610)

Tuesday December 8th

- 1st Demonstration @ 10:00am to 11:30am
- 2nd Demonstration @ 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Due to current constraints we have a limited capacity please [RSVP](#) to Madera/Chowchilla RCD (Resource Conservation District) 559 217 9064