



## Soil Building with Organic Practices

Kansas City, Kansas Community College, Leavenworth Center, Room 17  
225 Cherokee  
Leavenworth, KS

*Farm tour: Conway's Produce*

Saturday, March 27th  
10:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Lunch provided

A workshop to introduce basic knowledge of soil, nutrient management, composting, cover cropping and how they can increase the health and productivity of your farm and garden.

- 10:00-Noon    The Basics of Soil**  
Soil is a complex system, and management requires an understanding of soil structure, nutrients and fertility, soil biology, water infiltration, and more. This will introduce you to these concepts and how they interact. We'll discuss simple ways to calculate the nutrient needs of crops, understand soil tests and manage your soil.  
**Presenter:** Rhonda Janke, K-State Research & Extension and Owner, Parideaza Farm, Wamego, KS
- Noon-12:30    Lunch (provided)**
- 12:30-2:00    Composting**  
Midwestern soils are often low in organic matter. Compost can be a great way to add not only organic matter, but beneficial bacteria, fungi and nutrients to your soils. Through presentations and hands-on demonstrations, we'll learn about composting and how to get started.  
**Presenter:** Hwei-Yiing Johnson, State Agronomy Specialist, Lincoln Univ. Cooperative Research and Extension
- 2:00-2:30    Cover Cropping at Conway's Produce**  
Cover cropping can improve soil structure, fertility and organic matter content. Paul Conway is one of the most knowledgeable farmers in this region when it comes to soil building. He'll discuss his successful soil building plan and extensive use of cover cropping, then follow up with a tour of his farm.
- 2:30-3:30    Farm tour, Conway's Produce.**

*For more information call Laura Christensen at (816) 805-0362 or email [growers@ksu.edu](mailto:growers@ksu.edu)*

**\*\* You may pay at the door, but please call or email to pre-register so we can plan lunches \*\***

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### Registration

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Registering	Workshop	Cost Per Person	Total Enclosed
	Soils	\$30	

**Make checks payable to and mail to: Growing Growers Training Program, 35230 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Olathe, KS 66061**