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Digging into Healthy Soils and Carbon Farming

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[An opinion piece by Bill McKibben, Karl Thidemann, Seth Itzkan on Using Soil to Fight Climate Change](#)

Excerpt: "Agriculture, with its unique ability to sequester carbon on, as Carl Sagan might say, billions and billions of acres, is the only industry poised to reverse global warming. Improved management of cropping and grazing heals land, boosts soil fertility, prevents flooding, enhances drought resilience, increases the nutritional content of food and restores wildlife habitat — while sequestering carbon."

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[Soil Building Fact Sheet](#) from California (www.calclimateag.org) that summarizes some good practices for soil health. At the end, it also refers to a comprehensive treatment for people who want more detail (SARE “Building soils for better crops”; free on the SARE website).

[Soil Health card](#) - a little booklet with instructions. Covers physical, chemical and biological indicators and is available to help conservationists and soil scientists with soil health assessment. *Note from Dr Sara Via:* There is a lot more information online at this link-- hunt around there and you'll find more than you ever wanted to know.

[Hope Below Our Feet: Soil as a Climate Solution](#)

- Earth Day policy brief, co-authored by [GDAE](#) and [Soil4Climate](#), including international programs & local legislation supporting transition to regenerative agriculture & carbon farming

National Farmers Union has a [Soil Health Champions Network](#) and wants to know:

Do you use soil health practices on your operation?

[Want Healthier Soil? Link it to Crop Insurance](#)

Civil Eats article: Scientists now say incentivizing soil health would improve food security and sustainability, especially as the climate changes

[Sequestering Carbon in Soil Conference: Addressing the Climate Threat](#)

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