

Beginning Growers: Soil Health & Soil Borne Diseases

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Join Anna Cates and Natalie Hoidal for an introductory session about soil health and management for vegetable growers. Topics will include: nutrient management and soil testing, cover crops, tillage, crop rotation, and strategies for building organic matter and soil structure.



Dr. Anna Cates is the Extension State Soil Health Specialist for the University of Minnesota. Her research focuses on soil organic matter storage and cycling and developing soil health systems for upper Midwest cropping systems. She holds an MS in Soil Science and Agroecology, and a PhD in Agronomy from University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Natalie Hoidal is an Extension educator for local foods and vegetable crops. She supports growers throughout the state on a wide range of issues including soil health and nutrient management, IPM, variety selection, and equipment. She communicates with growers via weekly newsletters (UMN Extension Fruit and Vegetable News), the Great Lakes Vegetable Producers Network, regular webinars and field days, and 1:1 assistance. Natalie has a master's degree in agronomy from the University of Copenhagen.