

Willing to share a little dirt? Samples wanted

By Farming Smarter



Participants examine soil qualities at a Farming Smarter field day. Credit: Farming Smarter

Farming Smarter needs 10 more farms in southern Alberta willing to share a little dirt for the Alberta Soil Health Benchmark Monitoring Project.

The project will document soil health indicators at 200 locations in Alberta.

Twenty fields were sampled in early summer and another 20 will be sampled this fall. The fields will be re-sampled in a couple of years. Sampling will include compaction, active carbon, biological assessments, total carbon: total nitrogen ratio, infiltration and bulk density.

If you are willing to participate in southern Alberta and have harvested fields that can be accessed, contact Jamie Puchinger at 403-317-0022.