Appendix B. Soil Health Management Planning Process Worksheet
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1. **Determine farm background and management history**
   Compile background info: history by management unit, farm operation type, equipment, access to resources, situational opportunities or limitations.

2. **Set goals and sample for soil health**
   Determine goals and number and distribution of soil health samples needed, according to operation’s background and goals.

3. **For each management unit: identify and explain constraints, prioritize**
   Soil Health Assessment Report identifies constraints and guides prioritization. Explain results based on background where feasible, and adjust priorities.

4. **Identify feasible management options**
   Using the management suggestions table available as part of Soil Health Report, or online with NRCS practice linkages, identify which of these suggestions may be feasible for the operation.

5. **Create short and long term Soil Health Management Plan**
   Integrate agronomic science of Steps 2. – 4. above with grower realities of Step 1. to create a specific short-term schedule of management practices for each management unit and an overall long-term strategy (see worksheet next page)

6. **Implement, monitor, and adapt**
   Implement and document management practices. Monitor progress, repeat testing, and evaluate outcomes. Adapt plan based on experience and data over time. Remember that soil health changes slowly over time.
### Step 5. Create short and long term Soil Health Management Plan

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<td>Subsoil with yeoman’s plow</td>
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### Long Term Directions to Pursue:

