Soil & Water Management Workshop 2010

Farmers and agribusiness participants had the opportunity to see, in the field, how soil quality affects crop performance by "getting to the root of the problem", the theme for the 2010 Soil and Water Management Workshop.

Over 40 participants had an opportunity to get close and personal with the soils on Tom Oegema's farm at Talbotville (between London and St Thomas), by observing crop rooting patterns in two soil pits (1m x13m x1m) as well as hands-on demonstrations of soil texturing, soil structure, soil water and soil biology.

During the afternoon participants worked their way through a shoulder-high corn field in a lively diagnostic challenge to solve 10 in-field problems, many of which required a shovel to explain. This was followed with a demonstration of the erosive action of water using a rainfall simulator.

The Soil and Water Management Workshop has been offered for nearly ten years, each year in a different part of the province. The goal of the workshop is to provide a practical and applied, hand-on training on the many aspects of soil that impact good crop production. The training helps to look beyond the crop and encourages the consideration of soil management issues.

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