

## BRUCE KRESS

## **OEFFA SOIL HEALTH AMBASSADOR**

Organic Grain Farmer Laura, Ohio

Bruce's farm is 75 flat, tillable acres of heavy Brockston-Crosby soils with systematic subsurface drainage. Bruce is the fourth generation on this farmstead. In 1995, he started the transition to organic methods using rotational grazing then small grains like wheat, corn, soy, sunflower, and cover crops of legumes and grasses. At any given time, about 15 percent of the land is cover cropped and not harvested. In the offseason, he incorporates cover crops to build the soil microbiology and lets them grow as long as possible to keep the soil covered and to develop more soil life.

## OEFFA'S SOIL HEALTH AMBASSADORS

- Assist you in identifying the best ways to improve soil on your unique farm operation
- Offer advice on a variety of issues
- Connect you with other farmers
- Help you reach your soil health goals

"The diversity of plants and diversity of above land organisms with the myriad of organisms operating below the soil surface form a symbiotic array. This gives opportunity for succeeding cooperative types of life forms to thrive."

## CONNECT WITH AN OEFFA SOIL HEALTH AMBASSADOR TODAY!

If you are interested in connecting with one of OEFFA's Soil Health Ambassadors to hear about their lessons learned and to share the soil health goals for your farm and the challenges you face, contact OEFFA to be connected with a Soil Health Ambassador in your area!

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