Make the Most of Your Membership
Society Websites*

American Society of Agronomy | www.agronomy.org
Crop Science Society of America | www.crops.org
Soil Science Society of America | www.soils.org

*Bookmark these sites for easy access!

Primary pages within each of these sites includes:
- About the Society (Committees, Reports, Boards)
- Calendar (Searchable Calendar of Events)
- About the Profession (Agronomy, Crops, Soils)
- Certification (Agronomy (CCA), Soils (CPSS))
- Meetings (Annual and Branch)
- Membership (Join, Renew, Benefits, FAQ)
- News and Media (Press Releases, Outreach)
- Publications (Journals, CSA News, Crops and Soils)
- Science Policy (Washington, DC activities)
- Society Store (Purchase Books and Publications)
- Teacher Outreach (SSSA only, www.soils.org/lessons)

In addition, we have several unique sites for Society activities:
- Annual Meetings | www.acsmeetings.org
- Careers | www.careerplacement.org
- Certified Crop Adviser | www.certifiedcropadviser.org

Access Benefits and update your Membership Record at any of the Society home page by clicking on Log In at My Account.
- Search the Member Directory
- Update Your Contact Information
- Update your Contact Preferences
- View and Select ASA Communities/CSSA & SSSA Divisions of Interest
- View Committees and Society Awards
- Print Your Transactions
- Sign-up for and search the Scientific Expertise Directory
Dear Students and Colleagues,

Welcome to the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and/or Soil Science Society of America. It is a pleasure to have you join the more than 10,000 Society members dedicated to the conservation and management of soils, and the wise use of natural resources to produce food, feed, fiber, forage, fuel, and pharmaceutical crops while maintaining and improving the environment.

I encourage you to become involved through our many avenues of participation: connecting with colleagues, attending meetings, publishing research, serving on a committee, becoming involved in our science policy activities, and availing yourself of our numerous other benefits. Our programs and activities help you keep up-to-date on developments in your field, gain professional recognition and visibility, present and publish research, and network with colleagues around the globe.

This guide explains how you can put our programs and services to work for you and answers frequently asked questions about membership. Please take a few minutes to review it. If at any time we may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 608-273-8080 or at membership@sciencesocieties.org

Sincerely,

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The American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America are non-profit, international scientific societies headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. All three Societies share a close working relationship and collaborate on projects, meetings, publications, educational outreach, certification, awards and scholarships, a science policy office in Washington, DC, and many other member services.

Members are employed by universities, businesses, governments, and institutes around the world. Applied professionals, consultants, and undergraduate and graduate students are also a vital part of the Societies.

American Society of Agronomy  
Members: 7,749  Founded: 1907
"Agronomy Feeds the World"

The American Society of Agronomy (ASA) is dedicated to the development of agriculture, enabled by science, in harmony with environmental and human values. ASA supports scientific, educational, and professional activities to enhance communication and technology transfer among agronomists and those in related disciplines on topics of local, regional, national, and international significance.

Crop Science Society of America  
Members: 5,343  Founded: 1955
"Plant Science for a Better World"

The Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) is comprised of members who advance the discipline of crop science by acquiring and disseminating information about crops in relation to: seed genetics and plant breeding; crop physiology; crop production, quality and ecology; crop germplasm resources; molecular biology; and environmental quality.

Soil Science Society of America  
Members: 6,367  Founded: 1936
"Soils Sustain Life"

The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) is a progressive international scientific society, providing avenues for the transfer of knowledge and practices to sustain the world’s soil resources. SSSA members are dedicated to advancing the discipline and practice of soil science by acquiring and disseminating information about soils in relation to crop production, environmental quality, ecosystem sustainability, bioremediation, waste management and recycling, and wise land use. SSSA is the founding sponsor of the 5,000 square foot exhibit, "Dig It! The Secrets of Soil."
Membership Benefits You & Your Career

No matter where you work, what your career path, or where you are on the career ladder, membership in the Societies benefits you with:

- Up-to-date information on our sciences.
- Opportunities to gain professional recognition and advance your career.
- Access to a community of peers around the world.
- Support for your chosen profession.

Membership Benefits

Every member receives:

- Monthly CSA News magazine,
- Soil Horizons, formerly Soil Survey Horizons (SSSA members only),
- Discounts on subscriptions to our highly regarded and well-cited journals,
- Discounts on our publications,
- Access to the online Membership Directory and Scientific Expertise Directory,
- Biweekly electronic newsletters—Science Policy and News Flash,
- Option to publish research in our journals at a reduced rate,
- Opportunity to present poster and oral papers at the International Annual Meetings,
- Free online posting of resumes and access to Career Placement Services,
- Membership in any/all ASA Communities/CSSA & SSSA Divisions of Interest, in those Societies in which you hold membership,
- Discounts on International Annual Meetings and regional meetings registrations.

Membership Opportunities

Members may take advantage of these:

- Professional certification programs, the benchmark of excellence,
- Awards, scholarships, and fellowships, including graduate and undergraduate opportunities,
- Honing leadership skills and gaining visibility by volunteering for Society committees and editorial boards,
- Science Policy activities,
- Undergraduate programs with Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences (SASES).
Reap the Benefits Today!

Answers to frequently asked questions about how to make the most of your Society membership(s).

How do I access scientific research?
Access the latest scientific research in several ways—through our journals, CSA News, and research summaries.

Subscribe to any of our journals at reduced member rates. Search the archives by subject collection, keyword, author, date published, and more. Abstracts are available free. Electronic subscribers may access any article ever published by their subscription journal(s) for free. Hardcopy subscribers may view complete articles or request a print copy for a fee. Nonsubscribers may also request a print copy for a fee.

Some poster/oral presentations during the Annual Meetings are recorded. They are available for a small fee to those who did not attend. After 18 months, these are also free. Electronic access to abstracts for the Annual Meetings is always free.

All members receive CSA News each month, which includes research summaries. Back issues are available online. SSSA membership includes Soil Horizons, an electronic publication featuring research articles, original manuscripts, and essays.

I want to submit my manuscript for publication.
What do I do?
Visit the "Publications" page of your Society’s website. It includes detailed information for authors including forms and resources, a style manual, glossaries, instructions on how to submit manuscripts, and links to our journals. You may also access each journal, and find manuscript guidelines, handbooks, and a link to submit your manuscript.

How can I present or publish at the International Annual Meetings?
Early in the year, the Societies issue a call for papers for our International Annual Meetings. Check your News Flash and CSA News for the official announcement.

Abstracts may be submitted online at www.acsmeetings.org for a small fee. At least one author must hold active, student, emeritus, or corporate membership (for CSSA presentations only).

Authors have the opportunity for their oral/poster presentations to be included on our website. Oral presentations may be recorded and posters may be submitted electronically.

How do I present papers at regional or branch meetings?
Check the "Membership" page of your Society’s website for a list of branches. Branch meetings occur at various times throughout the year. A "Call for Papers" and registration announcements are also sent.
How do I get involved in the Societies?

There are many ways to become involved in one or more of the Societies. Involvement will positively impact your career, enhance your network, and give you a voice in the future of the Societies and professions.

Early each year, all members receive an email requesting volunteers. Take time to review our opportunities, which include committee service, or serving as a journal reviewer/editor. Request an appointment by using the online form or sending an email request. The presidents-elect make appointments, and terms generally begin at the start of the calendar year.

What awards, scholarships, and fellowships are available?

More than $100,000 is awarded each year to the recipients of dozens of awards and scholarships. Members nominate colleagues, students, and industry leaders for exceptional scientific achievements and service. To make a nomination or see a list of awards, visit agronomy.org/awards, crops.org/awards or soils.org/awards.

Can you help me find my next job?

Employees and employers alike can find what they're looking for at our Career Placement Center, online at www.careerplacement.org. Members may upload a resume, search job listings, and find career resources. Members looking for employees may advertise their open positions and search resume listings.

What career resources are available?

The Societies offer career development workshops and programs at the International Annual Meetings. Past topics have included: "Job Opportunities Outside Academia," "Writing Manuscripts for Publication," and "Grant Writing Navigation." Many of these are available as podcasts. Click on the "Careers" menu link on your Society's website. Also, consider professional certification—the benchmark of excellence. Visit agronomy.org/certification and/or soils.org/certification for more information.

How can I share my ideas for programs or services?

The best way is to talk to a volunteer leader—Board of Directors representative, Communities/Division of Interest officer, or committee leader. Visit your Society's home page and click on "Contact Us" to reach any of the Societies' officers or staff.

How can I make a difference in public policy?

Your voice does make a difference! The Science Policy Office (SPO) in Washington, DC, works directly with White House and Congress to encourage legislation, rules and regulations, and funding supportive of our sciences. Members may provide written and oral science-based information to policymakers. All members receive the bi-weekly Science Policy email. Visit the "Science Policy" page of your Society's website for helpful links and more ways to get involved.
Manage Your Membership

Answers to frequently asked questions about accessing information and managing membership benefits online

What is my membership number?
Your membership number is your unique identifier in our database. You will receive a membership card with your member number. You may also find your membership number on your CSA News address label.

How do I access my membership information online?
Each Society’s home page includes a link to "My Account," your source for managing your membership information.
Log in with your email address and password. Your email address is the one we have on file for you. If you do not remember which email address you provided to us, or if you do not have an email address, please contact us at 608-273-8080.
Your default password is your member number plus the first initial of your first name (not case sensitive). Your member number may be found on your membership card, or the upper left corner of the CSA News mailing label. You may also click on "Forgot My Password" and we will email it to you. Once you have logged in for the first time, you may change your password. You may retrieve your password at any time by clicking the "Forgot My Password" button.

How can I decide what information I want to receive?
The Societies use your information to contact you about Society business and services. You may choose to opt out of any email or printed communications using the "Contact Preferences" tab in "My Account." You will be listed in the Membership Directory unless you specifically opt out of this feature.

I've moved, changed jobs, etc. How do I update my member information?
Most of your personal information can be changed by visiting your Society's home page and clicking on "My Account." You will be asked to login. For those items you are unable to change, please contact us at 608-273-8080 or membership@sciencesocieties.org.

When do I renew my membership?
Your membership year is valid for 12 months from the beginning of the month you join. Membership renewal reminders will be sent beginning 75 days before your membership ends. You may renew online or by fax, mail, or phone.
Contact Information

Have an idea for a new program or project? Interested in providing input on a current program? Want to provide feedback on opportunities for improvement? Have questions about your membership? You may contact any of the Society Presidents or staff listed below. We want to help you make the most of your membership.

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How do I access contact information for a community, division or branch officer?

Visit your Society’s home page and click on Membership. Scroll down to "Branches/Chapters" or "Communities (ASA) or Divisions (CSSA & SSSA)," select the appropriate branch, community, or division, and after being directed to the individual site, select the "Officers" link on the page.

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ASA Communities

ASA Communities are groups of ASA members with common professional interests. Communities organize around topical areas and align with one of seven sections. Communities are gathering places for members – encouraging scientific exchanges and sharing of information, facilitating planning, enhancing communications, and providing coordination of programs and services. ASA Communities have transitioned from the previous divisions of interest structure. New Communities are being added on an ongoing basis visit www.agronomy.org/membership/communities.

Agronomic Production Systems Section
- Adaptive Nutrient Management
- Applied Soybean Research
- Bioenergy Systems
- Semi-Arid Dryland Cropping Systems
- Organic Management Systems
- Precision Agriculture Systems
- Professional Applied Agronomists
- Sensor-Based Nutrient Management
- Solar Corridor Crop System
- Weedy and Invasive Plant Species

Biometry & Statistical Computing Section
- Bioinformatics in Crops and Soils
- Spatial Statistics Applications
- Statistical Education/Training for Researchers

Climatology & Modeling Section
- Agroclimatology and Agronomic Modeling
- Airborne and Satellite Remote Sensing
- Biophysical Measurements and Sensors
- Global Climate Change
- Model Applications in Field Research
- Remote Sensing of Evapotranspiration
- Sensor-Based Water Management
- Soil-Plant-Water Relations

Education and Extension Section
- Advancing Agronomy via Public-Private Collaboration
- Advisors Developing Undergraduate Student Activities
- Extension Education
- K-12 Outreach and Activities
- Social Media in Education/Extension
- Undergraduate Education

Environmental Quality Section
- Animal Agriculture and the Environment
- Biochar: Agronomic and Environmental Uses
- By-product Gypsum Uses in Agriculture
- Managing Denitrification in Agronomic Systems
- Nutrient Loss Assessment and Prevention
- Soil Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Global Agronomy Section
- Field Diagnosis for Smallholder Agriculture
- Gaining Access to Agronomic Inputs
- Global Digital Soil Map
- US-Sino Agricultural Research Forum

Land Management & Conservation Section
- Agricultural Experiment Station Management
- Military Land Use and Management

CSSA & SSSA Divisions of Interest

Divisions of Interest are an excellent way to keep up with the latest research in areas that interest members, and develop focused peer networks. Divisions host symposia and sponsor posters and oral presentations at the Annual Meetings, as well as offering a website, listservs, awards, and more.

CSSA Divisions
C01: Crop Breeding and Genetics—Discovery, maintenance, and modification
of germplasm, biometrical and biochemical genetics, cytogenetics, crop evolution, morphology, and related studies.

C02: Crop Physiology and Metabolism—Plant physiology, pathology, mineral uptake and nutrition, photosynthesis, translocation, source-sink relations, and plant responses to the environment.

C03: Crop Ecology, Management and Quality—Establishment, management, and environmental biology of species and systems of mixtures used for field crops, forages, and grazing lands.

C04: Seed Physiology, Production, and Technology—Seed development, maturation, germination, and metabolism; preparation of useful plant types through foundation, registered, and certified seed; preservation of viability.

C05: Turfgrass Science—Development, evaluation, establishment, and maintenance of turfgrass for multiple uses.

C06: Forage and Grazinglands—Conservation and utilization in grazing systems, forage and grazing utilization, forage nutrition value and management, forage and grazing interactions with the environment, forage growth and development.

C07: Genomics, Molecular Genetics, and Biotechnology—Investigations of structural and functional genomics; mapping and cloning of genes controlling economically important plant traits; molecular breeding technology; gene structure, expression and function; plant cell and tissue culture; development and use of transgenic crops and microorganisms.

C08: Plant Genetic Resources—Conservation, use, distribution, accessibility, documentation, ownership, and intellectual property rights issues of plant genetic resources.

C09: Biomedical, Health Beneficial, and Nutritionally Enhanced Plants—Development and evaluation of novel characteristics and compositional quality traits in crops that are important to the health, well being, and nutritional requirements of humans.

SSSA Divisions

S01: Soil Physics—Water movement, structure and aggregation, and modeling of water movement and contaminant movement.

S02: Soil Chemistry—Analysis, acidity, liming, ion exchange, physical chemistry of soils, and behavior of soil additives.

S03: Soil Biology and Biochemistry—Soil microorganisms, organic matter, nitrogen transformations, microbial decomposition, rhizosphere dynamics, mycorrhizae, enzymes, and fate of organic material.

S04: Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition—Plant nutrients and plant nutrition, interaction of plant growth factors, and soil and plant tissue tests.

S05: Pedology—Soil formation and geology, physical and chemical properties, soil survey and mapping, interpretation of soil behavior, and wetland preservation.

S06: Soil and Water Management and Conservation—Irrigation, drainage, tillage, erosion, evaporation, transpiration, cropping systems, and cultivation methods.

S07: Forest, Range, and Wildland Soils—Soil organic matter dynamics, biogeochemistry of deficient nutrients, long-term soil sustainability management practices, belowground processes and rhizosphere dynamics, water relations/hydrology, and soil biodiversity.

S08: Nutrient Management and Soil and Plant Analysis—Manufacturing technology, additives, coating techniques, evaluation, and soil test analysis.

S09: Soil Mineralogy—Frequency, distribution, formation, translocation, and properties of soil minerals.


S11: Soils and Environmental Quality—Influence upon and inter-action of soils with the environment, efforts of soil scientists to maintain and improve the quality of the environment.

S12: Consulting Soil Scientists—Provide a professional perspective to the soil science profession through education, networking, and training needs of consultants and by putting research to practical use.
Top 5 ways to make the most of your membership

#1 Publishing and presenting research to enhance your career

#2 Attending branch meetings and Annual Meetings.

#3 Becoming a member leader by volunteering for a committee or serving as a journal reviewer or editor.

#4 Getting involved in your ASA Communities/CSSA and SSSA Divisions of Interest activities.

#5 Reading CSA News and the News Flash for the latest news and opportunities to participate.

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