

# **Who Owns the Data? Access to the University of Missouri Soil Data Base. (S05-hammer130433-Oral)**

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## **Abstract:**

Who should have access to soil survey data, particularly profile laboratory data, collected with public funds? Understanding soil landscape relationships is necessary to correctly apply point-source data to the temporally and spatially variable soil resource. Which profile chemical and physical data, how much data, and in what forms they should be offered are important issues. Should a certified soil scientist be available in some way to explain hard data accessible to the lay public. What disclaimers should accompany publication of public domain soil data. These and other key questions will be discussed.

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