



## Nigeria Launches Soil Health Card Scheme to Boost Agricultural Productivity

### Introduction: Soil Health Card Scheme Launch

The Federal Government of Nigeria has recently launched the Nigeria Farmers' Soil Health Card Scheme (NFSHCS), inaugurating a 30-member National Executive Technical Committee consisting of agricultural experts and representatives from key organizations. This initiative, driven by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS), introduces farming methods that focus on improving soil health and restoring the environment, marking a major step forward in enhancing Nigeria's agriculture.

### Objectives of the NFSHCS

The NFSHCS aims to transform agricultural practices across Nigeria by:

- **Promoting Sustainable Soil Health:**

Implementing management practices tailored to specific crops and geographic conditions to enhance soil health.

- **Developing Soil Testing Facilities:**

Establishing laboratories at state and local levels to facilitate accessible soil health monitoring.



- **Improving Soil Fertility:**

Providing clear guidelines on soil fertility management to increase agricultural productivity.

- **Creating Employment:**

Generating job opportunities, particularly for the rural youth, and improving the efficiency of soil analysis.

## Implications for Stakeholders

- **Increased Agricultural Productivity:**

Healthier soil translates into higher crop yields, boosting farmer income and national food security.

- **Sustainable Agricultural Practices:**

The scheme encourages eco-friendly farming methods that improve biodiversity and ecosystem health.

- **Stability in Food Supply:**

Improved soil health promotes consistent agricultural output, mitigating the risks of food shortages and price fluctuations.

- **Access to Soil Health Data:**

Farmers will benefit from streamlined access to vital soil information via the Soil Health Card and online portals, aiding effective crop management.

- **Economic Growth:**

With greater productivity, the agricultural sector can generate increased tax revenues and export earnings.

- **International Collaboration:**

Successful implementation of the scheme is likely to attract global support and investment in Nigeria.

- **Regulatory Compliance:**

The NFSHCS introduces strict regulatory standards for soil health and fertilizer use. Stakeholders must obtain necessary permits and licenses and comply with these regulations to avoid penalties.

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