

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)  
Report To  
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board  
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Neil Jensen, District Conservationist**



**USDA Reminds Producers of Approaching CRP General Sign-up**

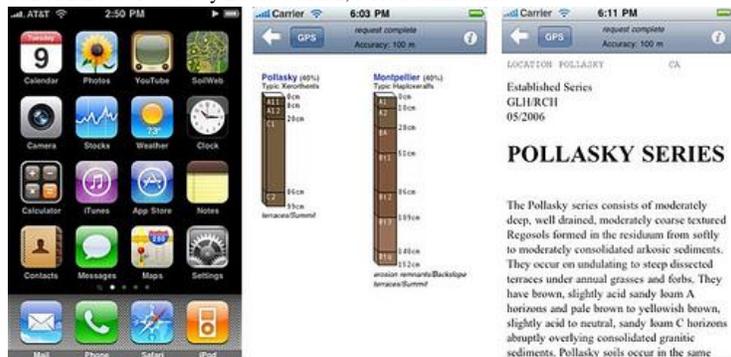
U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack reminded landowners, farmers and ranchers that the opportunity to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up 43 is approaching.

Producers who want to offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up can enroll March 12 through April 6, 2012, at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center.

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance.

**NEW WAY TO ACCESS SOIL SURVEY INFORMATION – SoilWeb**

USDA BLOG -Posted by David Sanden, NRCS California



The app, **SoilWeb**, combines online soil survey information with the GPS capabilities of smartphones.

SoilWeb can retrieve a graphic summary of soil types in response to a user inquiry in the form of soil profile sketches. Each profile sketch

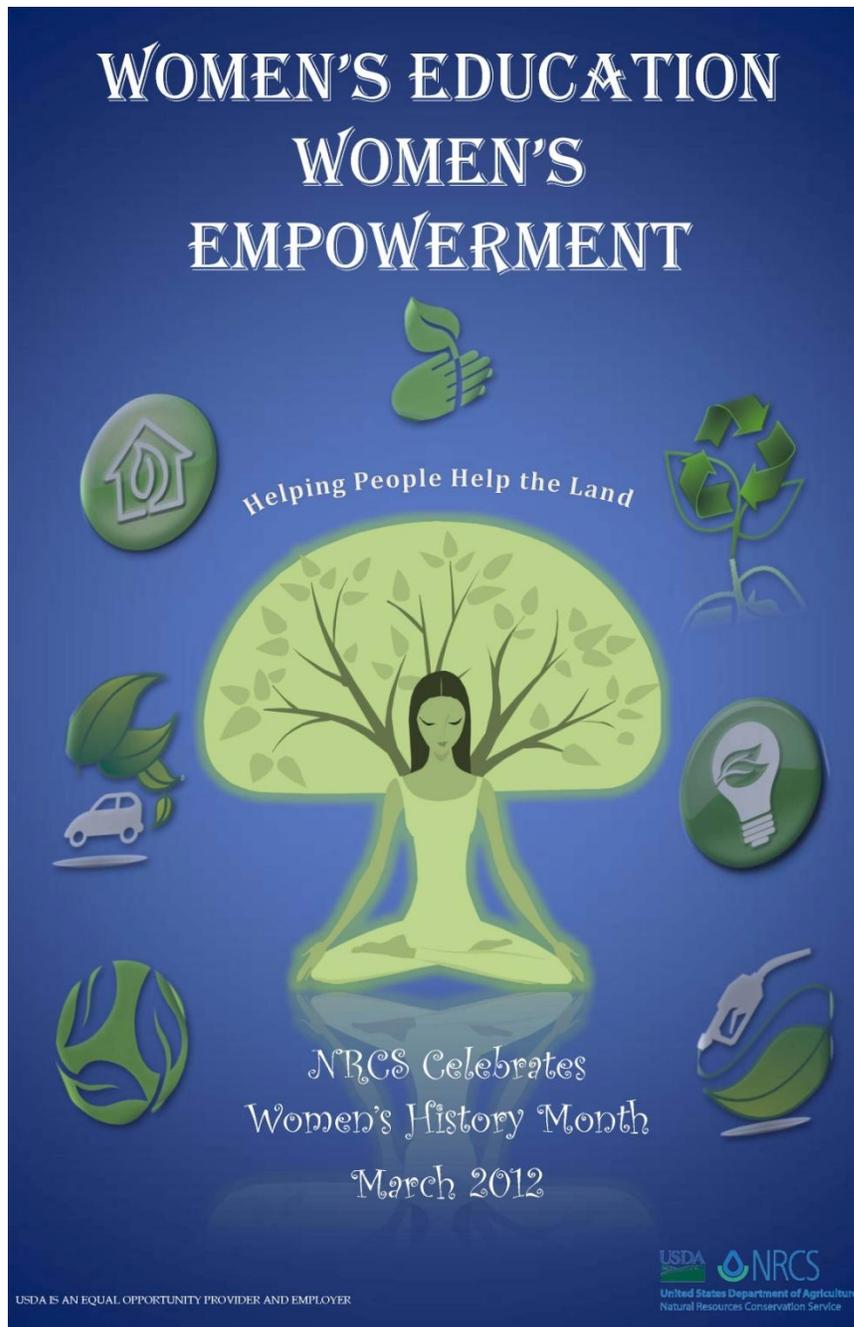
shows soil horizons, often compared to a vertical ice cream sandwich made up of layers of soil. Soil names, locations and taxonomic categories are also shown.

Clicking on soil sketches sends the user to the corresponding Official Series Description, a user-friendly narrative of commonly used soil properties such as horizon depths, colors, texture and rock fragment content. Clicking on a soil name (listed above each sketch) provides the user with a more detailed description, including: physical and chemical properties, definitions and links to a variety of environmental databases.

**March is Women's History Month.**

**2012 Theme: "Women's Education – Women's Empowerment."**

The spirit of the theme honors American women who through education and empowerment have reached their full potential in influencing American history and culture. As you commemorate Women's History Month, take time to recognize the contributions of women around you and support and empower them as they strive to be the best they can be.



Stephanie Carmack - 2011 Women's History Month poster award winner.



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