

unlock the secrets so

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"We know more about the movement of celestial bodies than about the soil underfoot."

-Leonardo da Vinci

Living in the soil are plant roots, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, algae, mites, nematodes, worms, ants, maggots, insects and grubs, and larger animals.

science of soil

made of about 45% 25% water

5% organic 25% air

what's underneath



Healthy soil has amazing water-retention capacity.

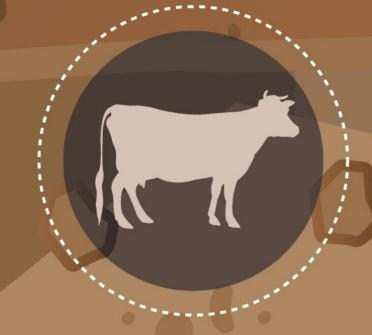
increase in organic matter results in as much as

gal of available soil water per acre.



One teaspoon of healthy soil contains

individual bacteria



All of the soil microbes in 1ac/ft of soil weigh more than 2 COWS

Earthworm populations consume of dry matter per acre per

year, partly digesting and mixing it with soil

what it does



Healthy soil is billion in h 2050 key to feeding

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