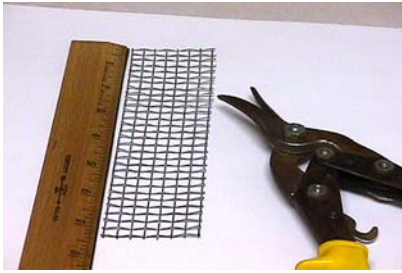


Soil Organic Matter (aggregate stability)



Hardware cloth and two glass jars are all you need for this demonstration.



Choose two soils which you suspect will have different organic matter contents.
(garden vs. lawn, no-till crop field vs. conventional tilled crop field)



A soil clod high in
organic matter will
stick together.
The water will be clearer.



A soil clod low in organic
matter will slake rapidly.
The water will be
cloudy.