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That's a wrap on the 2025 North American Biochar Conference!

The event surpassed my expectations in so many ways. The content was top-notch, the exhibit hall showed an industry on the rise, and the networking was as good as it gets. I came away more energized than ever about the potential of biochar — as a technology, as an industry, and as a way to turn waste into value. Thank you to all who attended and helped make this event a success. Over the next few weeks we will be making all of the presentations freely available on Youtube, so keep an eye out for announcements.

Looking forward, the next few months are shaping up to be just as busy as the past few here at the US Biochar Initiative. Tera Lewandowski, our Director of Agricultural Markets, will be leading the first in-person event in our Train the Trainer series this December in California. These free events will focus on providing practical information on biochar as a soil amendment to agricultural professionals - crop advisors, NRCS staff, conservation districts, cooperative extension, and more.

For my part, I'll be focused on getting our USBI / ANSI Standard for the Analysis of Biochar over the finish line, and then quickly jumping in to develop a "do-no-harm" end-use standard for the use of biochar. This next standard will provide guidance for physical biochar applications to ensure biochar is applied safely and responsibly, with protections against both real and perceived risks.

I'll also be working to finish our Guidance Manual for Biochar in Stormwater Management with Center for Watershed Protection. I'm also working on lining up similar efforts to develop practitioner-targeted guidance manuals for landscape architects, landscaping and tree care professionals, ecosystem and river restoration professionals, and more.



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## 2025 North American Biochar Conference

Building Sustainable Markets and Driving Innovation

*Writing Biochar's Next Chapter*

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The biochar community sure knows how to make a conference unforgettable. □

We saw packed breakout rooms on topics from soil health to forest management, carbon markets, standards development, and more. Powerful panels and conversations showed how far biochar has come and how quickly it continues to move forward. Over the last week, attendees, sponsors, speakers, and exhibitors have shared their NABC recaps and we're thrilled to see and hear all your inspiring experiences.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Minneapolis. We hope to see you again next year!

### NABC2025 highlights:

- Technical conversations on biochar's role in concrete, fertilizers, stormwater systems, and other end-use markets.
- The International Biochar Initiative (IBI), the United States Biochar Initiative (USBI), and The State of Carbon Dioxide Removal announced the launch of a new [Biochar Industry Survey](#) for 2025.
- Mayor Jacob Frey's remarks on biochar's potential and Jim Doten's updates on Minneapolis' leadership as the first city with a municipal biochar facility.
- Awards that recognized biochar pioneers who continue to push the industry forward.
- Field trips that brought theory into practice with facility tours and a look inside applied biochar projects.



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## Announcement: 2025 Biochar Industry Survey Now Live

The International Biochar Initiative (IBI), United States Biochar Initiative (USBI), and The State of Carbon Dioxide Removal have launched the 2025 Biochar Industry Survey.

This survey builds on the [successful 2023 edition](#) and will provide an up-to-date snapshot of production volumes, market dynamics, regulatory hurdles, and technology advancements. If you participate, your contribution will guide advocacy, resource development, and strategic planning, and help organizations better understand and support the biochar industry across the United States. The survey takes just 10-20 minutes to fill out!

P.S. One attendee of NABC2025 who completes the survey before October 3rd will be selected to receive a **free registration** to next year's conference!





### Innovative Biochar Discovery Promises Cleaner, Safer Farmland Soils

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### Biochar gets its big break in Haywood County

Biochar could be a solution to several of the county's Helene-related problems, especially now that it has been bolstered by a \$1 million grant.

### Conference highlights many ways biochar can be used to fight climate change

Jim Doten joins Minnesota Public Radio to share about biochar integration in Minneapolis and the 2025 North American Biochar Conference.

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