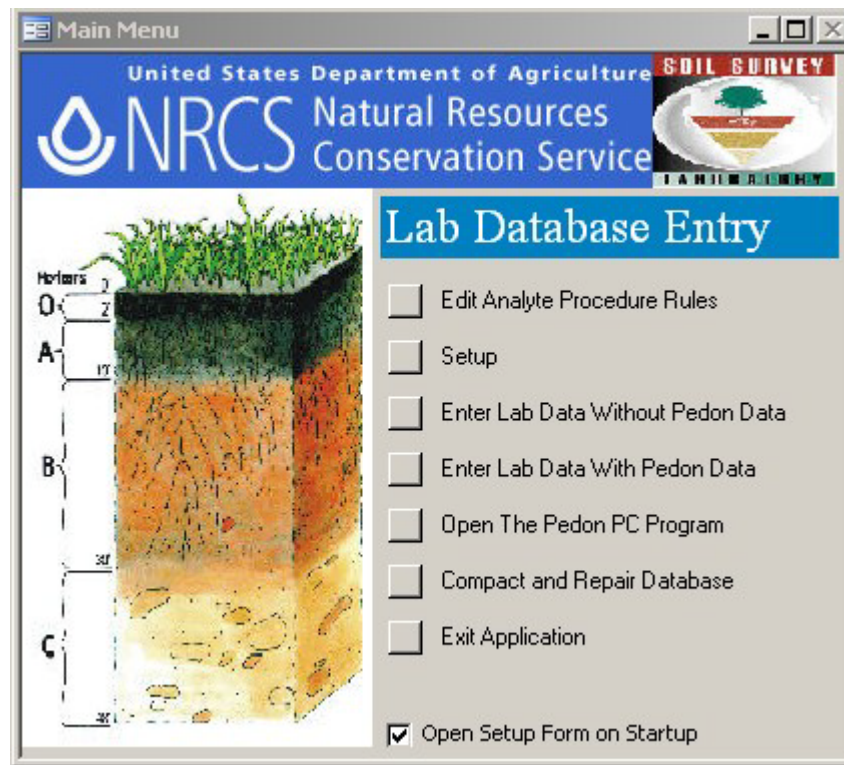


Soil Characterization and Pedon Description database opportunity



The Department of Soil Science received a significant contract from the NRCS for quality control editing and encoding of North Dakota Characterization Data that was sampled, analyzed, and compiled by North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station researchers in the past. Several states received similar contracts and will be polishing up their “legacy data” so that it can be merged with the comprehensive National Soil Survey Laboratory database, which is distributed on the web. The profile descriptions associated with a majority of the pedons have been typed but they need to be edited and have current horizon nomenclature added.

It will be important to identify earnest and meticulous individuals to carry out the task; knowledge of the Microsoft Access would be beneficial. The NRCS is committed to insure that adequate training is available for people working on this project. Students will earn 8\$/hr, but cannot apply these monies toward a Work-Study contract because the funding source is federal.

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