

## FPP02 - On-Farm Pilot Project



### Activity Description

On-farm pilots consist of the installation, monitoring and publicizing of projects that fit within the identified state priority areas. Pilots should be practices, components, or management techniques that have shown environmental benefits through research but are not used by farmers in the project area. Practices, components, or management techniques must be implemented, monitored and publicized according to protocols developed specifically for the project.

### Benefits

Conservation activities can show promise in research but until they are proven in actual field use farmers may be reluctant to adopt them. Pilot projects will provide a mechanism to prove that a new conservation activity is viable in the project area. Publicizing the implementation of the conservation activity can help other farmers learn about new conservation techniques by observing their peers.

### Criteria

1. Pilots should be practices, components, or management techniques that have shown environmental benefits but have not been adopted by farmers in the project area.
2. The pilots must be implemented and monitored according to protocols developed specifically for the project.
3. The farmer must conduct at least 3 events to publicize the project to other farmers in the area. These events can be field days conducted Conservation Districts or other similar entities.
4. Data on the costs and performance must be collected for the demonstration project. The exact data collection needs will be identified for the project.

### Documentation Requirements

1. Documentation of the events held to publicize the demonstration.
2. Data collected for the demonstration.

## Indiana CSP Enhancement Supplemental Information

### **FPP02 – On-Farm Pilot Project:**

Acceptable Indiana On-Farm Pilot Project includes:

- Cover Crop Nitrogen Scavenging Trial

### **Cover Crop Nitrogen Scavenging Trial**

- This On-Farm Pilot Project is available statewide.
- Purdue University is not committed to any obligations to the CSP participant for this enhancement.

#### **Criteria**

- Producers are encouraged to follow the On-Farm Research and Demonstration Enhancement Supplemental Information for Cover Crop Nitrogen Scavenging.

Additional References include:

*Setting Up On-Farm Experiments (SSMG-17)* and *Simple On-Farm Comparisons (SSMG-18)* <http://www.ipni.net/ssmg>