

## FPP02 - On-Farm Pilot Project



### On-Farm Pilot Projects

On-Farm Pilots showcase conservation activities that have proven environmental benefits, but have not been widely adopted in the local farm community. Participants select and agree to install, monitor and promote conservation activities (practices, components or management techniques) that have been identified by the NRCS State Conservationist as addressing specific resource needs.

### Land Use Applicability

Each approved pilot project will have a land use designated, e.g. Cropland, Pastureland, Rangeland and/or Forest land.

### 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 for Demonstrations

- Producers will select from a pre-approved list of pilot project.
- Pilots include practices, components, or management techniques that have shown environmental benefits but have not been adopted by farmers in the project area.
- The pilots must be implemented and monitored according protocols developed specifically for the project.
- Protocols include:
  - Specifics of the practice, component or management technique being piloted
  - Acreage required to adequately conduct the pilot
  - How many years the pilot is to be conducted
  - What the participant is required to provide (materials, labor, maintenance etc.)
  - Type(s) of publicized events that will be used (field days, signage, winter meetings, etc.) to meet the minimum number of three (3) events. This activity will be schedule once per year that an educational event takes place.



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- Data on the costs and performance must be collected for the demonstration project as specified for each individual pilot project. The data collection needs are available in a separate document.

### **Documentation Requirements**

- Documentation of the events held to publicize the demonstration.
- Data collected for the demonstration will include as directed by the individual states:
  - Practice cost, field operations conducted, etc.
  - Frequency of collection
  - Data collection forms

## 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>