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On-Farm Research Project Seeks Participants

URBANA –Dan Anderson, research specialist at the University of Illinois, is looking for 10 small-scale farmers to participate in an on-farm research project on sustainable vegetable production.

“Ideally, we will choose 10 farmers from across Illinois who have the potential to help us achieve the goals of this research: to improve the sustainability of small-scale, management-intensive vegetable farms through the facilitation of on-farm experimentation and utilization of cover crops during fallow periods,” Anderson said.

Farmers who are chosen, and who successfully complete the project, will be awarded a \$500 honorarium.

“We’ll work with the farmers to design, implement and measure the effects of four different fallow treatments. This research builds upon previous experimental field trials to test cover-cropping strategies using on-farm research and farmer-to-farmer education,” Anderson said.

To be considered, complete the online application form at <http://tiny.cc/fallowstudy> or contact Dan Anderson (217-621-7974, aslan@illinois.edu).

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