



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

FPP02 - On-Farm Pilot Project



On-Farm Pilot Projects

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 for Demonstrations

- Pilots should be 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 to protocols developed specifically for the project.
- 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 in Conservation Districts or other similar entities.
- 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 for On Farm Research

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

ALABAMA SUPPLEMENT TO THE ENHANCEMENT FPP02 – ON FARM PILOT
PLOTS

Auburn University and Agriculture Research Service (ARS) are offering the opportunity to conduct cover crop demonstrations in AL. Interested persons should contact Drs. Edzard van Santen with Auburn University or Andrew Price with ARS.

Once agreement has been reached between the CSP applicant the above parties, this enhancement may be scheduled to be part of the CSP.

ALABAMA SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ENHANCEMENT

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Documentation Form

Producer Name:		Date:		
Tract Number(s):		County:		
Field(s):				
Date Installed:				

Attach copies of results or conclusions from the pilot project. Include documentation of participant activities. The supplied documentation accurately reflects the implementation of this enhancement.

SIGNATURE: _____