

# Horticulture

## Research Protocols

### Comparing Establishment Methods for Strawberry Production, Year 1

#### Year 1 Objectives:

1. Determine differences in cost and labor for strawberry bed establishment using two methods: biodegradable plastic and mat row.

#### Farmer-cooperator will:

- *Follow Research Protocols for study*
- ***Take photos*** throughout the project.
- *Keep in contact with PFI with updates and questions*
- *Turn in all data by November 2017*

#### Practical Farmers of Iowa will:

- *Help set up research protocol.*
- *Monitor progress of project and provide support when needed.*
- *Publish results in a PFI research report, on PFI website, and potentially other outlets.*
- *Provide \$550 cooperator payment at conclusion of project year.*

#### RESEARCH PROTOCOL

Using the provided excel workbook for enterprise budgets, track labor and record relevant expenses for each method. (Use separate workbooks for each method!)

**Please send all data to PFI by November 1, 2017.**

**Take photos!**