## Field Crops Research Protocols

## Co-seeding Corn with Clovers

Objective: Determine if clovers co-seeded to corn at planting can survive through to the fall and have any effect on corn yield.

## Farmer-cooperator will:

- Take photos throughout the project.
- Keep in contact with PFI with updates and questions.
- Spring 2018, plant corn of the same variety and plant population across entire field.
- Establish a minimum of 4 replications at the time of corn planting as shown in the diagram below with randomized and replicated strips of:
- Corn with no clovers (no co-seeding)
- Corn co-seeded with clovers
- Mix: crimson clover and red clover (cv. Southern Belle)
- Clovers seeded using insecticide boxes on corn planter.
- Strips will be as wide as at least one combine pass and run the length of the field
- Summer 2018, take occasional photos of strips to track persistence/survival of clovers.
- Fall 2018, collect biomass samples of co-seeded clovers just prior to corn harvest.
- Harvest corn from each strip separately, record yield of each strip.
- Turn in data to Practical Farmers of lowa at the end of project.



## Practical Farmers of lowa will:

- Help set up monitoring 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 $\$ 550$ compensation at conclusion of the project in 2018.

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