

## **Field Crops** *Research Protocols*

## Interseeding Corn in 30- vs. 60-in. Rows

**Objective**: Determine if widening the corn row can maintain yields and better accommodate interseeding with a cover crop in late spring.

## Farmer-cooperator will:

- Take photos throughout the project and keep in contact with PFI with updates and questions.
- Spring 2018, establish 4 replications as shown in the diagram below of the following treatments:
  - 30-in. corn + interseeding
  - 30-in. corn + no interseeding
  - 60-in. corn + interseeding
  - 60-in. corn + no interseeding
  - $\circ$  Interseeded cover crop TBD.
- Strips will be as wide as at least one combine pass and run the length of the field.
- Corn in all treatments will be planted on the same date.
  - Interseeding will also occur on same date.
- **Summer 2018**, take photos of interseeded cover crop progress.
- Fall 2018, collect aboveground biomass samples of cover crop from strips near corn harvest.
- Harvest corn from strips individually.
- Turn in data to Practical Farmers of Iowa at the end of the project.

Interseeding	No Interseeding	No Interseeding	Interseeding	Interseeding	No Interseeding	No Interseeding	Interseeding	Interseeding	No Interseeding	No Interseeding	Interseeding	Interseeding	No Interseeding	No Interseeding	Interseeding
30-in. corn 60-in.			. corn	30-in. corn		60-in. corn		30-in. corn		60-in. corn		30-in. corn		60-in. corn	
REP 1				REP 2			REP 3			REP 4					

## Practical Farmers of Iowa 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.

Contact: Stefan Gailans, Research and Field Crops Director, (515) 232-5661; stefan@practicalfarmers.org

The terms of this Research Protocols document are subject to the terms of the individual Research Cooperator's Memorandum of Understanding agreement with PFI. To the extent these terms may differ or conflict, the Memorandum of Understanding shall control.