



RESEARCH PROTOCOLS

Sweet Potato Enterprise Budget

Objective: Determine differences in enterprise budgets for sweet potatoes on Iowa farms.

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 2019

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.

Project Design:

- In-field practices may vary by farm. Report general practices used, as requested in the excel workbook.
- Data Collection: An excel workbook is provided that includes worksheets for the following:
 - Planting Info
 - Labor Log
 - Enterprise Budget Worksheet (calculated from the following)
 - Field Supply Calculation
 - Machinery Calculation
 - Building/Structure Calculation
 - Land Calculation
 - Labor Cost Calculation
- Each farmer will:
 - collect yield data (pounds) for sweet potatoes,
 - track ALL labor for the sweet potato crop (try to include estimates for marketing, delivery, sales calls, etc.)
 - complete all worksheet categories to the best of their ability. Call if you have questions!

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