**RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR 2015**

**Livestock**

Alternative free choice minerals for livestock

Poultry feed comparisons

Agroforestry, design and implementation of an alley cropping system incorporating livestock

Grassfed meat and carcass quality

Soil health through grazing management

**Energy**

Farm energy audits by farm experts
Financial assistance for wind, solar, and geothermal
Economics of farm-scale renewable technology
Expert, unbiased advice on farm energy decisions

**Field crops**

Improving small grain production and marketing

Cover crop species and variety selection

Cover crop effect on soil fertility

Long term soil health

Audit of actual input needs/reducing inputs

Non-GMO corn variety screening

Weed management

**Horticulture**

Cover crops as a living mulch

Cover crops for weed suppression

Improving soil health with compost extract

Vegetable crop variety trials for Iowa

Financial recordkeeping to improve profitability

Baseline yield data collection for FSA

Improving on-farm pollinator habitat