



United States Department of Agriculture  
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## FPP02 - On-Farm Pilot Project



### **On-Farm Pilot Projects**

On-farm pilots consist of the installation, monitoring and publicizing of projects that fit within the identified state priority areas. Pilots should be practices, components, or management techniques that have shown environmental benefits through research but are not used by farmers in the project area. Practices, components, or management techniques must be implemented, monitored and publicized according to protocols developed specifically for the project.

### **Benefits**

Conservation activities can show promise in research but until they are proven in actual field use farmers may be reluctant to adopt them. Pilot projects will provide a mechanism to prove that a new conservation activity is viable in the project area. Publicizing the implementation of the conservation activity can help other farmers learn about new conservation techniques by observing their peers.

### **Criteria for Demonstrations**

- Pilots should be practices, components, or management techniques that have shown environmental benefits but have not been adopted by farmers in the project area.
- The pilots must be implemented and monitored according to protocols developed specifically for the project.
- The farmer must conduct at least 3 events to publicize the project to other farmers in the area. These events can be field days conducted in Conservation Districts or other similar entities.
- Data on the costs and performance must be collected for the demonstration project. The exact data collection needs will be identified for the project.

### **Documentation Requirements for On Farm Research**

- Documentation of the events held to publicize the demonstration.
- Data collected for the demonstration.

# **Conservation Stewardship Program Utah Supplemental Information**

- 1- Cultivation, growth, harvest and cleaning of native plant seed for disturbed land reclamation.
- 2- Development of equipment and approaches to increase the success of rangeland seeding
- 3- Develop management practices to resist or recover lands invaded by weedy species.
- 4- Use of prescribed fire to improve rangelands in smaller mosaics and avoid catastrophic fires that result from fire control practices from the past.