

A Vibrant Future: USDA Climate-Smart Pilot Programs

Project description: The goal of the USDA Climate-Smart Pilot Programs is to facilitate the implementation of climate-smart production practices and to develop robust tools to measure of inputs, outputs (ecosystem services) and yields, and put in place systems for traceability, verification, and marketing of climate-smart commodities.

Climate-Smart practices available for growers to trial:

- Short-Season Cover Crops
- Nutrient Management
- Residue and Tillage Management
- Alley Cropping
- Water Management
- Soil Amendments and Mulches

Expectations of project participants:

Growers: Each grower will be expected to participate in the program for 4 years, and to commit to the implementation of one climate-smart practices. The growers will make implementation sites available to data and information collection no more than twice a year.

Production Suppliers: Each supplier/vendor will be expected to participate in the program for 4 years and be willing to provide technical site-specific support throughout the process.

Benefits to participants:

- ✓ Assistance with the development of personalized plans for the implementation of climate-smart practices
- ✓ Access to a certified crop adviser and sustainability consultants
- ✓ Subscription to a software data platform
- ✓ Partial offset of direct costs involved in implementation of climate-smart practices
- ✓ Modest cash incentive for participation
- ✓ Data collected on your site is benchmarked against aggregated data

Apply Now: IFPA is accepting applications to participate in the “A Vibrant Future: USDA Climate-Smart Pilot Programs”

