



# Horticulture

## Research Protocols

### Comparing Establishment Methods for Strawberry Production, Year 1

#### Year 1 Objectives:

1. Determine differences in cost and labor for strawberry bed establishment using two methods: biodegradable plastic and mat row.

#### 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 2017

#### 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.

#### RESEARCH PROTOCOL

Using the provided excel workbook for enterprise budgets, track labor and record relevant expenses for each method. (Use separate workbooks for each method!)

**Please send all data to PFI by November 1, 2017.**

**Take photos!**