

## Field Crops Research Protocols

## **Soybeans Into Standing Rye Cover Crop**

**Objective**: Quantify the agronomic performance of soybeans planted into an early and late terminated cereal rye cover crop.

## Farmer-cooperator, Bob Lynch, will:

- Fall 2013, plant winter cereal rye.
- Spring 2014, terminate strips of rye with herbicide in mid- to late-April.
- Establish a minimum of 4 replications as shown in the diagram below with <u>randomized</u> and <u>replicated</u> strips of soybeans planted into strips of standing rye <u>and</u> strips of herbicide-terminated rye.
- Strips will be as wide as at least one combine pass and run the length of the field.
- Fall 2014, harvest soybeans from strips separately.
- Keep in contact with PFI with updates and questions.
- Turn in data to Practical Farmers of Iowa at the end of the project.

Early terminated rye Standing rye	Standing rye	Early terminated rye	Early terminated rye	Standing rye	Early terminated rye	Standing rye
REP 1	REP 2		REP 3		REP 4	

## Practical Farmers of Iowa will:

- Help set up monitoring 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 reimbursement at conclusion of the project in 2014.