

Soil Health Study Seeking Almond, Grape, and Vegetable Grower Participants

Interested in doing cover crops, compost, mulch, or reduced tillage?

These practices provide various soil health benefits, including improved soil tilth and reduced dust, crusting, and erosion.

Here is an opportunity to participate in a research trial and be compensated for the management costs:

The American Farmland Trust is seeking growers to help them implement a three to five year field trial to measure the impacts and benefits of cover cropping, compost applications, and reduced tillage to soil health.

The trial involves planting a cover crop, applying compost, mulching, and/or reducing tillage to a small portion of the field or orchard (treatment plot), and leaving a portion not planted to a cover crop, not composted, or not mulched (control plot).

Additional management practices may be considered, if desired.

Funds to support management costs and technical assistance can be provided.

The grower must be willing to allow soil sampling and host several demonstration sessions in the field or orchard.

No management changes are required to participate in this project.

If you are interested in participating or have more questions,
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