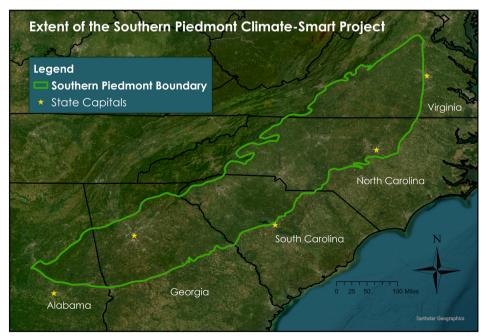
## FARMER INFORMATION SHEET

### **Southern Piedmont Climate-Smart Project Details**

The Southern Piedmont Climate-Smart project is partnering with organic and conventional diverse vegetable farmers in the region to add cover crops to their vegetable rotation. We will monitor greenhouse gas emissions, soil health benefits and economic and social barriers to change over four years. This information will provide farmers with the data needed to capitalize on carbon market programs and understand how they can act to better steward their lands and communities. It will also enable us to provide the USDA with recommendations for supporting farmers transitioning to climate-smart agriculture.

### Southern Piedmont Climate-Smart Project Requirements for Farmer Participation:

- Diverse vegetable farmer in the southern Piedmont with or willing to get a USDA Farm Service agency number
- Acreage may not be enrolled in other NRCS cost-share programs for same practices
- Willing to enroll 2-10 acres in the project for 4 years
- Follow project planting and cover cropping rotation provided
- Utilize provided technical assistance related to the project
- Input data via phone application
- Participation in related practice training
- Allow project team scheduled access to enrolled acres for data collection



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### **Cash Incentive Structure**

Per Acre Participating in Study	\$1500/acre/year	2 - 10 acres dedicated to project
Completing Economic Surveys	\$100/year	Data provided to the project team
Completing COMET Planner	\$50/year	Filled out and give data to the project team each year
Input Reimbursement	\$220/acre/year up to \$1,100/yr	Reimbursement for inputs purchased for the acreage dedicated to this project
Barriers to Change Focus Groups	\$100/year	Annual focus groups discussing your barriers to adopting climate-smart agricultural practices
Completing Farm2Facts	\$50/year	Filled out annually online

### **Non-Cash Incentives**

Cash Crop Seed	Up to 10 acres/year	Seed provided for up to 10 acres dedicated to this project
Cover Crop Seed	Up to 5 acres/year	Seed provided for up to 5 acres dedicated to this project
Technical Assistance	Free	Technical assistance is provided for free for enrolled acreage

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**To apply:** <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/climate-</u> <u>smart-farmer-application</u>

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