**Grain Farmers of Ontario**

**Farmer-Researcher Connect**

**Researcher Application Form for Farmer Participants**

If you are a researcher seeking Ontario grain farmer participants to collaborate with you on your research project idea, please complete the form below and send it via email to Paul Barnard, Research Coordinator (research@gfo.ca).

It is important that the information you provide is **clear and concise**.

This information will be used by Grain Farmers of Ontario staff to determine if the research project request aligns with our research priorities.

If it does, Grain Farmers of Ontario will email the information below to farmers registered with Farmer-Researcher Connect. Interested farmers can then contact you directly via email within two weeks to further explore their potential involvement.

Researchers are entirely responsible for guiding the farmer-researcher relationship with interested farmers from the initial point of contact onward. Please review the [*Helpful Tips for Researchers Engaging Farmers in Research*](https://gfo.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/GFO-FRC-Helpful-Tips-for-Researchers-Engaging-Farmers-in-Research.pdf) document on the website.

Researchers will be cc’d on the email that is sent to farmers; however, to protect the privacy of farmers’ personal information, all farmer email recipients will be bcc’d. It will be up to interested farmers to reach out to researchers directly.

If you have any questions about this form or Farmer-Researcher Connect, please contact Paul Barnard, Research Coordinator (research@gfo.ca).

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| **Title of Research Project**: |  |
| **Most Relevant GFO Research Priority:**  |  |
| **Researcher Name**: |  |
| **Researcher Email**: |  |
| **Researcher Institution**: |  |
| **Target number of farmer cooperators**: |  |
| **Preferred location(s)** of farmer participants (please specify [**Ontario County(ies)**](https://forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca/en/dataset/cd7b542d-0491-4271-b6cf-2eb5efe0f744/resource/8a8dad5c-783f-48be-8243-b10680f2ad22/download/6_fcgp_2024-25_map_of_ontario-regions_en.pdf)): |  |
| **Crop(s)** required:  |  |
| **Start and end dates** of farmer participation (*i.e.*, YYYY/MM – YYYY/MM):  |  |
| **Objectives** of the research project (in plain language): |  |
| **Farmer participation requirements** (*e.g.*, provision of land, data, advice, setting up a trial, taking measurements, managing plots throughout the growing season, *etc*.):  |  |
| **Land requirements** for farmer participants (*e.g.*, 1 acre of sandy soil): |  |
| **Time commitment** estimate for farmer participants (*e.g.*, number of months or years; hours per week): |  |
| **Out of pocket costs** that may need to be incurred by farmer participants:  |  |
| **Compensation** (or cost reimbursement) that would be provided by the researcher **directly** to a farmer participant (*if any*): |  |
| **Other key details** farmers should know if they participate in the project (*e.g.*, frequency of access to their farm for trial plots, required use of a farmer’s equipment to help set up and complete the research project, e*tc*.) |  |