

## Information about this research study:

**Principal Investigator:** Julie Rieland

**Study Title:** Agricultural plastic usage and recycling perspectives in the Midwest farming region

**Study Sites:** Four States Farm Show and distribution through participant networks

- **Purpose and activity:** We are conducting this research to understand what plastic waste farmers are generating in the Midwest farming region and the interest in an Ag-recycling program. This research study involves completing one (1) online survey. Participation in the research is completely voluntary and refusal to participate or to withdraw will result in no penalty or loss of benefits.
- **Duration:** We anticipate that your participation in this research study will take about 10 - 15 minutes.
- **Compensation:** There is no compensation for participating in this survey
- **Risks:** No significant risks are expected to result from participation in this study.
- **Privacy and Confidentiality:** We will not ask for any personally identifying information (e.g. name or address). Data will only be reported in aggregate. However, there is still a small possibility that your data may have an unanticipated loss related to human or computer security error.
- **Use of data:** The de-identified, aggregated survey information will be analyzed by National Institute of Standards and Technology researchers and incorporated into one or more technical reports that may be published. This data will also likely be used or shared with other researchers in future research efforts. Note that as the researchers will not have access to any of your personal information related to your data, it will not be possible to honor requests to delete your data from the study after you have submitted it.
- **Questions or complaints:** If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this study, or experience an unanticipated problem please contact Julie Rieland via telephone: 248-703-4819, or via email: [Julie.rieland@nist.gov](mailto:Julie.rieland@nist.gov). If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this study, or have complaints, concerns or issues you want to discuss with someone outside the research team, call the Research Protections Office (RPO) at (301) 975-5445.