

Michigan State University Participant Information and Consent Form

We invite you to participate in this research study about corn and soybean crops, Crop Management With or Without Cover Crops. It comes from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Michigan State University. You must be at least 18 years old to participate, and the study takes up to 30 minutes to complete.

Participation is completely voluntary. You have the right to say no. You may choose not to answer specific questions or to stop participating at any time. Any responses you provide are confidential.

If you have questions or concerns about this study, please contact Professor Frank Lupi, Michigan State University, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 West Circle Drive, Room 205, East Lansing, MI 48824, lupi@msu.edu, 517-432-3883. If you have questions or concerns about your role and rights as a research participant or would like to register a complaint about this study, you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Michigan State University's Human Research Protection Program at 517-355-2180, or e-mail irb@msu.edu or regular mail at 4000 Collins Road, Suite 136, Lansing, MI 48910.

USDA Burden Statement:

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0536-xxxx, expiration date mm/dd/yyyy. The time to complete this information collection is estimated to be 30 minutes. The purpose of the study is to learn about cover crops in corn and soybean farming systems.

USDA Assurance of Confidentiality:

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your response will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35 and other applicable Federal laws.

If you have any questions about the purpose, procedures, or any other issues related to this research you may contact Dr. Sophia Tanner at CropSurvey@usda.gov.

Acknowledgement: I have read and understand the information on this page, and I agree to participate in the survey.

- I agree
- I do not agree