Farmer Name ________________________________________________________________

Scoring Matrix

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OFRF identified research priorities
- Weed suppression
- Soil health
- Insect pest suppression
- Disease suppression
- Maintaining or improving yields
- Cover crops
- Organic crop variety and seed trials
- Organic livestock breeds and management

Criteria | Points possible | Score
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The ideas or research questions are formulated well, and can clearly lead to a simple, doable on-farm trial | 10 |
The proposal includes a clear and convincing explanation of why this trial can be important to the farmers’ operation | 10 |
The application discusses the farmers’ previous observations and/or research that have helped frame the proposed research | 5 |
The application clearly outlines what treatments/practices will be compared in the proposed trial. | 5 |
The proposal specifies realistic potential measurements and materials needed to answer the research question | 5 |
The farmer shows a good understanding of the potential challenges associated with conducting these trials, and proposes possible solutions. | 5 |
The research question align closely with the research priorities OFRF has identified | 5 |
At least one of the farmers who will be directly involved in this project identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC) | Yes: 5 No: 0 |
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**Overall impressions of this application:**

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**Other Comments/Concerns/Observations:**

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