

**The Ceres Trust
Organic Research Initiative
Projects Approved for Funding in 2009**

Iowa State University. "Facilitating improved soil quality on organic farms through research and training on no-till organic vegetable production in the Midwest." Kathleen Delate, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$179,484.

Kansas State University. "Soil microbes in organic vegetable production: new insights from pyrosequencing; the response of soil microbial communities to organic and conventional fertilization." Karen Garrett, Principal Investigator. Two years. \$96,726.

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute. "Relationships between corn plants and nitrogen fixing bacteria on an organic farm." Walter Goldstein, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$178,221.

Michigan State University. "Integrating organic apple and pork production to benefit pest management and grower profitability." Matthew J. Grieshop, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$177,446.

Michigan State University. "Organic production of fruit crops under high tunnels." John Biernbaum, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$171,473.

Michigan State University. "Fostering complex soil food webs and building soil fertility with organic production: the potential of perennial wheat." Sieglinde Snapp, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$155,159.

University of Minnesota. "SWROC high tunnel: extending the season for organic vegetable production." Pauline Nickel, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$134,214.

University of Minnesota. "Edible grain legumes for organic cropping systems." Craig Sheaffer, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$87,421.

University of Nebraska. "Increasing cover crop diversity and weed suppressive potential of soils in organic cropping systems." John L. Lindquist, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$163,489.

North Dakota State University. "Organic crop variety selection for Great Plains States in the North Central Region." Patrick M. Carr, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$156,096.

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Ohio State University. "Optimizing organic soil fertility management to improve the crop health and baking functionality of organic Midwestern spelt." Larry Phelan, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$178,413.

Ohio State University. "Developing Cultural Practices for organically grown medicinal plants." John Cardina, Principal Investigator. Two years. \$57,078.

University of Wisconsin. "Veggie Compa\$\$: whole farm planning for enhanced profitability of Midwestern Organic Vegetable Growers." Erin Silva, Principal Investigator. Three years. \$175,974.