

**The Ceres Trust**  
**2010 Graduate Student Research Grants**

Joshua Beniston, Ohio State University, \$9,871. "Developing Organic Management to Restore Soil Quality for Food Production in Degraded Urban Soils." Prof. Rattan Lai, Faculty Adviser.

Krista A. Buehrer, Michigan State University, \$9,789. "Potential of Organic Hogs as a Tool for Post-Harvest Orchard Floor Sanitation and Pest Management." Prof. Matthew J. Grieshop, Faculty Adviser.

Lorena Gomez, Kansas State University, \$10,000. "Soil Microbes in Organic Production: Capturing the Active Players." Profs. Karen Garrett and Ari Jumpponen, Major Professors.

Zachary D. Hayden, Michigan State University, 9,969. "A Novel Approach for Optimizing the Benefits of Cereal-Legume Cover Crop Mixtures in Vegetable Cropping Systems Under Organic Management." Prof. Mathieu Ngouajio, Faculty Adviser.

Thelma Heidel, University of Minnesota, \$4,095. "Efficacy of Intercropping in Organic Soybeans for Management of the Soybean Aphid." Prof. David Ragsdale, Faculty Adviser.

Alexandra Lyon, University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$9,584. "Determination of Perceptions and Use of Organic Seed and Varieties by Midwestern Organic Vegetable Growers." Erin Silva, Major Professor.

Emily Pochubay, Michigan State University, \$9,941. "Improvement of Insect Biological Control Systems for Organic Greenhouse Production." Prof. Matthew J. Grieshop, Faculty Adviser.

Marie Schmidt, University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$9,988. "Benefits of Increasing Grazing Height on Weed Suppression in Management-Intensive Rotational Grazing Systems in Wisconsin." Prof. Mark Renz, Faculty Adviser.

Jessica Starcevich, University of Minnesota, \$4,037. "Biological and Cultural Fly Control Options for Organic Dairies." Prof. Roger Moon, Faculty Adviser.

Nathaniel J. Walton, Michigan State University, \$9,803. "Soil Invertebrate Biodiversity Under Contrasting Orchard Management Regimes in Michigan." Prof. Matthew J. Grieshop, Faculty Adviser.