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Participating farmers will be compensated as follows:

- for signing a contract to join the project (\$5000 annual stipend),
- to provide data (20 randomly selected survey participants \$100),
- for cover crop planting and harvest (\$150 per acre),
- for switchgrass planting and harvest (\$400 per acre),
- to add poultry litter soil amendment (\$20 per acre),
- to add Element Soil™ soil amendment (\$30 per acre).

We are particularly interested in finding farmers who would be willing to plant and harvest perennial switchgrass. The scientists on the team will be studying the effects of adding switchgrass to the AD process and measuring various impacts on climate effects. From the farmer's perspective, participation might result in a climate smart alternative revenue stream, very possibly from marginal land. We are interested in production on as little as one acre, but up to as much as five acres.

In addition to the switchgrass component of the project, we will be looking for farmers who would be willing to harvest some of their cover crops to serve as biogas feedstock. Since the State Cover Crop Program requires that the crop remain in the field, the grant will compensate farmers for that lost revenue.

The list of compensation above shows that different kinds of participation lead to different payments. We are interested in discussing options with any farmer who might be interested in exploring those options. Our overall goal is to assess the potential for the development of an additional crop that adds value to the farming operation.

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