

Cover Crops and Strip Tillage



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to Promote Soil Quality, Environmental Sustainability, Food Safety, and Profitability in Cucurbit Cropping Systems
- Workshop follow-up survey

Methods

In the winter of 2017, a survey was sent out to participants of SARE funded Cover Crop workshop, asking about practice changes as a result of the workshop they had attended.

A total of 45 people responded



- 38% farmers
- 31% students and academics
- 17% service providers
- 5% nonprofits

Workshop impacts

82% of workshop attendees learned new information.

16 workshop attendees shared information with **176** other people.

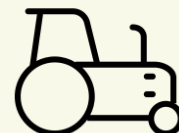
Workshop information reached 4x more people than those who attended.

69% of workshop attendees met someone they did not know at the workshop.

Impacts on farmers' practices

Of the farmers who had already planted cover crops in the past, **25%** increased the number of acres **planted** in cover crops.

Of the farmers who had **never** planted cover crops in the past, **50%** **planted** cover crops for the first time in 2016.



Impacts on non-farmers' practices



14% changed the information they gave to target audiences.

10% began working with new partners.