**Advanced Organic Vegetable Production: *Example Actions***

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| **Based on what you have learned in the past 3 days,** | |
| **What changes will you make in your own services/program?** | **How will you monitor BF changes as a result of improved training/services?** |
| By 11/15 I will plan/define list of BF training topics for winter | Begin identifying clients as beginning farmers in our database |
| By 2/15/14 I will offer a workshop on soil/water management and cover crop planning | Workshop evaluations and further in-depth sessions that facilitate info sharing among peer group of farmers |
| By 12/15 I will set up some winter grower discussions for Jan- March. These are informal discussions, smaller groups, beginner level | Grower feedback in general and do they want to keep meeting? If they do, that's a success. If they keep coming, that's a success. |
| By 12/2014 I will create 2-3 new activities to teach topics like cover crops and soil health and practice them with teammates | Growers who are involved in these activities will be surveyed |
| By 12/15/13 I will restructure 2014 programs to provide more winter classroom teaching, with carefully planned activities- not just information dumping. Focus on pre-season planning needs. Review all teaching tools we received and select several to use. Use AgSquared for crop planning workshop and Inc. farms. | Participants in our winter pre-season classes will report immediately that they feel better prepared for the 2014 season than they were for 2013. Evaluations mid-season and post-season will attempt to assess whether their in-season management was easier, smoother and/or more effective as a result of pre-season planning |
| By 2/5/14 I will meet one-on-one with 5 growers to review soil tests and develop nutrient management/cover crop plans for 2014 season | Foliar tests in the summer, one-on-one follow-up meeting in early 2015 |
| By 6/14, I will incorporate the soil and compost analysis tools into an upcoming field day | I will be able to tell by the number of BFs attracted to this event and by the level of success of the activity |
| By end of 2013 I will tighten up my cover crop/nutrient release timeline and plan | Fieldwork with the carbon copy forms to compare before and after notes |
| By Jan 4, I will modify our CCE website to include invitations to be part of new BF network | Work with IT and Cornell Small Farms to successfully implement. Track weekly and visit queries |
| By 2/1 I will plan a meeting for mentors and mentees to discuss needs, expectations, and include an educational portion | Mentor and mentee check-ins by phone or email |
| By 12/2014 I will develop a comprehensive case study I will use to teach concepts | Growers who are involved in these activities will be surveyed |
| By 1-30-2014 I will restructure 2014 programs to focus on "field-walks" at our incubator farm , in combination with CRAFT farm topics | Record the suggestions made by mentor to each incubator farmer at each field walk. Record which suggestions were implemented. At mid-season and post-season evaluations, asses with each farmer how well the suggested changes or actions worked |