



# ADAPT PROGRAM



## INTRODUCTION

The Community Science ADAPT program is a fun and exciting way to get involved in Seed Savers Exchange's mission of preserving and sharing our food crop heritage. Participants in this program trial varieties from our seed bank and send us feedback on their performance. This information helps us better understand the adaptability of these varieties to different environments and guides our selection process for new introductions into our seed catalog.

## HOW IT WORKS

In early January, we release details on the trials we're offering for the coming year. Participants select the crop(s) they want to trial and are then randomly assigned three varieties from the larger group. In the first week of March, we will send you a kit containing your seeds, plant labels, a datasheet, and instructions for submitting your data. We ask that you grow the three varieties side-by-side under the same conditions. We do not require a minimum number of plants. You will be evaluating each variety on a handful of key characteristics, including yield, flavor, earliness, appearance, and disease resistance. Data is submitted via an exciting new web platform called SeedLinked, which we have partnered with since 2018.



## SEEDLINKED

SeedLinked is an emerging web platform that seeks to connect gardeners, farmers and plant breeders with information on crop varieties. SeedLinked harnesses the power of collaboration, place-based knowledge, and machine learning to help breed, source, and grow seeds for a more resilient future. The platform provides a user-friendly computer interface as well as a free smartphone app to create a tool and resource that participants in the program can use to track, share, and learn about regional seed and variety performance.



## JOIN THE PROGRAM

If you are interested in participating, please visit <https://www.seedsavers.org/citizen-science-corps> and submit your information by clicking on the 'Join ADAPT' link.

If you have any questions, please contact Steffen Mirsky at [sciencecorps@seedsavers.org](mailto:sciencecorps@seedsavers.org) or by calling 563-387-5665. Thank you!