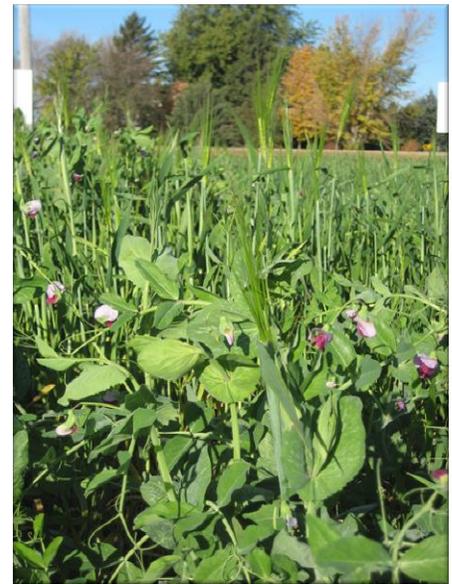




FIND THE INFORMATION YOU NEED:

Cover Crop Resources

Cover crops have recently become a hot topic. The multiple benefits they are capable of providing to a farming operation have been documented by researchers and farmers across the United States and right here in Minnesota. However, these benefits depend on careful and smart management of the cover crops used. From seed selection to establishment method to the number of weeks before a hard frost, cover crop use requires a number of decisions. These decisions cannot be intelligently made until farmers and farm advisers have the appropriate knowledge.



Below is a brief list of cover crop resources. It is hoped these will help Minnesota farmers and farm advisers begin to collect the cover crop information they need.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Managing Cover Crops Profitably, 3rd Edition – USDA-SARE**
<http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Books/Managing-Cover-Crops-Profitably-3rd-EditionMidwest-Cover-Crops-Field-Guide>
- **Midwest Cover Crops Field Guide, 2nd Edition – Midwest Cover Crop Council**
<https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/dtc/Pages/CCFG.aspx>
- **Overview of Cover Crops and Green Manures – National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service**
<https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/summaries/summary.php?pub=288>
- **2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Cover Crop User Surveys – SARE and CTIC**
<http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/From-the-Field/North-Central-SARE-From-the-Field/2012-Cover-Crop-Survey-Analysis>
<http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/From-the-Field/North-Central-SARE-From-the-Field/2013-14-Cover-Crops-Survey-Analysis>
- **Roadmap to Increased Cover Crop Adoption – National Wildlife Federation**
<http://www.nwf.org/news-and-magazines/media-center/reports/archive/2012/11-01-12-roadmap-to-increased-cover-crop-adoption.aspx>
- **Counting Cover Crops – National Wildlife Federation**
<http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/Reports/Archive/2013/10-01-13-Counting-Cover-Crops.aspx>

WEBSITES

- **Midwest Cover Crop Council**
<http://www.mccc.msu.edu/index.htm>
- **Midwest Cover Crop Council's Minnesota Cover Crop Decision Tool (CCDT)**
<http://mcccdev.anr.msu.edu/VertIndex.php>
- **NCR-SARE Cover Crops Topic Room**
<http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Topic-Rooms/Cover-Crop-Topic-Room>
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service Cover Crops and Soil health Website**
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/climatechange/?cid=stelprdb1077238>
- **Risk Management Agency - Cover Crops Crop Insurance Guidelines FAQs**
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/climatechange/?cid=stelprdb1077238>
- **Minnesota Department of Agriculture Conservation Practices: Cover Crops**
<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/protecting/conservation/practices/covercrops.aspx>
- **2014 National Conference on Cover Crops and Soil Health**
<http://www.sare.org/Events/National-Conference-on-Cover-Crops-and-Soil-Health>
- **USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory - Cover Crop Chart**
<http://www.ars.usda.gov/Services/docs.htm?docid=20323>
- **SmartMix Calculator to Design and Build Your Own Customized Mixes**
<http://greencoverseed.com/smartmix-calculator/>



MINNESOTA COVER CROP LISTSERV

If you would like to receive emails about cover crop related research, news, and events, join the Minnesota Cover Crop Listserv. Contact Extension Educator Jill Sackett to become a member (sacke032@umn.edu).

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