



Marion County SWCD Favorite Cover Crop Mixes

Cover Crop Mix	Rate (Oz/100 sq. ft.)	Winter Survivability	Strategies
Oats	4	Seldom	Fall planted > Winterkilled > Strip furrow or remove mulch > Early spring direct seeded vegetables
Cereal Rye	4	Expected	Fall planted > Spring crimp > Direct seeded beans or add mulch and transplant vegetables Fall planted > Spring incorporation when 8" – 10" tall > Transplant vegetables or wait 20 days and direct seed
Oats Crimson Clover	1 1	Seldom Expected	Fall planted > Spring Chop/Drop + Mulch > Early May vegetable transplants
Oats Hairy Vetch	1 2	Seldom Expected	Fall planted > Spring Chop/Drop > Strip Furrow > May direct seeded vegetables Fall planted > Spring Chop/Drop > May vegetable transplants
Cereal Rye Hairy Vetch	1 2	Expected Expected	Fall planted > Spring Chop/Drop > May vegetable transplants *Direct seeding can be difficult with cereal rye biomass
Buckwheat	2	Never	Early vegetables > Buckwheat > Late vegetables
Sorghum- Sudangrass	3	Never	Early vegetables > Sorghum-Sudangrass > Fall cover crop

Results may vary with soils, climate, and weed pressure. Contact your local SWCD to learn more.