Why Cover Crops?

Cover crops are non-commodity crops either interseeded into living cash crops or planted onto bare fields during fallow periods to save topsoil, improve soil quality and increase nutrients available to plants. Managed well, cover crops can simultaneously increase farm profitability and environmental performance. Benefits include:

- Soil quality improvements including increased soil organic matter
- Erosion control
- Fertility improvements
- Weed suppression
- Insect control
- Nutrient retention/availability

“Those who fail to plan, plan to fail…”

Cover Crop Management

Before you begin, what are your management goals? N management? Soil retention? Supplemental grazing? Breaking up compaction? A combination? The selection of species and timing of planting and terminating are dependent upon your management goals.

Before you plant, what is your plan for termination? Tillage only? Tillage and herbicide? Grazing then tillage? Using winter killed species? Have a plan A and B for termination before you plant!

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Useful Cover Crop Websites

Midwest Cover Crop Council Website: www.mccc.msu.edu

MCC Decision Tool: www.mccc.msu.edu.selectorINTRO.html

Illinois Dept. of Agriculture: www.agr.state.il.us/covercrops

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COVER CROPS:
Directory of Businesses
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Your guide to businesses that supply seed and services to establish and manage cover crops in Illinois

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COVER CROP SEED, alphabetical by name  (Note: Multiple local dealers are present for most companies, see websites for local information)

Advance Cover Crops .........................618/922-7446
(Marion, IL, advancecovercrops.com)
American Organic ................................855/945-2449
(Warren, IL, www.american-organic.com)
Beck’s Hybrids ...............................800/YES-BECK
(Atlanta, IN, www.BecksHybrids.com)
Byron Seeds ..................................800/801-3596
(Rockville, IN, http://byronseed.net)
Brown Seed Sales ..........217/620-9133
(Warrensburg, IL, cdbrow2@gmail.com)
Center Seeds ........................................855/667-3943
(Minster, OH, www.centerseed.com)
Cover Crop Solutions/Tillage Radish ....800/767-9441
(Robesonia, PA, www.covercropsolutions.com)
Chapin Cover Crops, LLC ............217/473-7361
(Chapin, IL, dean@werries.org)
Elk Mound Seed Company ..........800/401-7333
(Elk Mound, WI, www.elkmoundseed.com/cover-
crop-seed/)
Ford & Sons, Inc. (Geneseo, IL 61254 ... 800/383-4661
Granite Seed and Erosion Control ..........720/496-0600
Gristmill Enterprises, Inc ..............815/266-4010
(Atlanta, IN, www.gristmillinc.com)
Gordon Farms Seed Co. ..........217/892-8380
(Rantoul, IL, www.gfgseeds.com)
5 Smith Seeds (Jonesboro, IL 62952) ....618/833-5703
Kelly Seed Company ....................309/674-0368
(Peoria, IL, kellyseed.net)
Kitchen Seed Company, Inc ..........217/543-3476
(Arthur, IL, sales@kitchenseed.com)
LaCrosse Forage & Turf Seed LLC ....800/328-1909
(LaCrosse, WI, www.lfseed.com)
Legacy Seed ....................................866/791-6390
(Skandinavia, WI, www.legacyseeds.com)
Lily Lake Organic Farm (Maple Park, IL) ...630/365-2019
Martin Seeds, Inc. (Williamsport, IN) ...765/986-2030
Merschman Seeds .................217/254-2082
(Sullivan, IL, www.merschmanseeds.com)
Midwest Bio-Ag .............................800/327-6012
(Blue Mounds, WI, www.midwesternbioag.com)
Midwest Grass and Forage ..........309/255-9503
(Macomb, IL, www.midwestgrass.com)
Premiere Seed Supply (Clayton, IL) ....217/894-7054
ProHarvest Seeds .....................866/807-7015
(Ashkum, IL, proharvestseeds.com)
Saddle Butte Ag/Bio Till ............217/868-5818
(Effingham, IL, www.saddlebutte.com)
Weaver Seed Supply (Dongola, IL) ....618/833-4578
Welter Seed & Honey Co. ....800-728-8450
(Onslow, IA, www.welterseed.com)

Aerial Applicators/Pilots, alphabetical by county

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Seeding:
Highboy Rigs, Foosland, 217/784-8550

“Full Service” and information:
Check with your local Co-op or Elevator—many are now offering full cover crop services!
Check with your NRCS and SWCD office for local experts or farmers using cover crops.
Attend local NRCS/SWCD or U of I Extension workshops and field days in your county.
Regional Conservation Cropping Seminars are good sources of information on many aspects of cover crop management.

Should your business be in this directory? Contact Woody Woodruff at the Illinois Stewardship Alliance: 217/528-1563 or woody@ilstewards.org!