SEEDING WINDOWS FOR COVER CROPS IN INDIANA

NOTE: Northern and southern Indiana seeding dates for the tables below are divided on a general line along US 36 from Illinois to Indianapolis and US 40 from Indianapolis to Ohio.

Best window of opportunity and greatest benefit for various cropping scenarios

- After harvest
- A/I Aerial or interseed

A/I	after corn
A/I	after soybeans
	after seed corn
	after silage corn
	after vegetable crops
after wheat	
after early veg crops	

Plant Species	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec-Feb
Barley, Winter						N, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	R	
Buckwheat			S, IN	IN, IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN, IN	R			
Clover, Balansa	R-2, IN	IN				IN	IN, IN	IN		
Clover, Berseem				IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, S				
Clover, Crimson			S, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN	R		
Clover, Red	R-2, S	IN	IN, IN							F-2, F-2
Collards		R, S	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, M	M, M	IN, IN	IN, R		
Cowpea/Soybeans			S, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	M, 3				
Flax		R, IN	IN		M	IN	IN			
Kale		R, S	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, M	M, M	IN, IN	IN, IN	R	
Millet, Japanese/Pearl			S, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	3				
Oats, (Spring & Black)	R-2, S	IN	IN, IN	IN, M	M, M	M	IN, IN	3		
Pea, (Field/Spring/Winter)	R-2, S	IN	IN, N			N	IN, IN	IN, R		
Phacelia		R, IN			M	IN	IN, IN	R		
Radish, Oil Seed						M, IN	IN, IN	R		
Rapeseed					M	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	R	
Rye, Winter Cereal	R-2					N	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN	F-2, F-2
Ryegrass, Annual	R-2	S	IN, IN	IN, N		N	IN, IN	IN, R		F-2, F-2
Sorghum-Sudangrass /Sudangrass /Milo				IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN-3	S-3			
Soybean, (Forage & Field)			S, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN-3	S-3			
Sunflowers		S	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	S				
Sunn Hemp			S, IN	IN, IN	IN, IN	S				
Teff (Coated Seed)			S, IN	IN, IN	M, M	S-3				
Triticale, Winter						N	IN, IN	IN, IN	IN	
Turnips/Pasja	S-4, IN-4	IN-4			M	IN, IN	IN	IN, R		
Vetch, Hairy		S, IN				IN, IN	IN, IN	IN	S	
Wheat, (Winter & Spelt)						R-1	R-1, R-1	R-1, IN	R	

1/ Risk for Hession Fly-Free Dates Recommended

2/ Dormant/Frost/Early seeding from December thru March. Increase seeding rates by 25%.

3/ Expect lower biomass and production

4/ Bolting risk

M = If sufficient moisture

Legend

- IN Suitable seeding dates for all of Indiana
- S Additional suitable seeding dates for Southern IN (~South of I-70)
- N Additional suitable seeding dates for north Northern IN (~North of I-70)
- R Riskier Establishment (Season/Weather/Variety Dependent)
- F Frost/Dormant Seeding
- IN-3 Dwindling quantity

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