

# 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**

**IN** 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	R
Buckwheat			S	IN	IN	IN	IN	R		
Clover, Balansa	R-2	IN	IN				IN	IN	IN	
Clover, Berseem				IN	IN	IN	IN	S		
Clover, Crimson			S	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	R	
Clover, Red	R-2	S	IN	IN	IN					F-2
Collards		R	S	IN	IN	IN	M	M	M	R
Cowpea/Soybeans			S	IN	IN	IN	M	3		
Flax		R	IN	IN			M	IN	IN	
Kale		R	S	IN	IN	IN	IN	M	M	M
Millet, Japanese/Pearl			S	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	3	
Oats, (Spring & Black)	R-2	S	IN	IN	IN	IN	M	M	M	M
Pea, (Field/Spring/Winter)	R-2	S	IN	IN	N			N	IN	IN
Phacelia		R	IN				M	IN	IN	IN
Radish, Oil Seed							M	IN	IN	R
Rapeseed							M	IN	IN	IN
Rye, Winter Cereal	R-2							N	IN	IN
Ryegrass, Annual	R-2	S	IN	IN	IN	N		N	IN	IN
Sorghum-Sudangrass /Sudangrass /Milo				IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN-3	S-3
Soybean, (Forage & Field)			S	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN-3	S-3
Sunflowers			S	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	S	
Sunn Hemp			S	IN	IN	IN	IN	S		
Teff (Coated Seed)			S	IN	IN	IN	M	M	S-3	
Triticale, Winter								N	IN	IN
Turnips/Pasja	S-4	IN-4	IN-4				M	IN	IN	IN
Vetch, Hairy		S	IN				IN	IN	IN	IN
Wheat, (Winter & Spelt)							R-1	R-1	R-1	R-1

<sup>1</sup> Risk for Hessian Fly-Free Dates Recommended

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

<sup>3</sup> Expect lower biomass and production

<sup>4</sup> Bolting risk

### Legend

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

**M** If sufficient moisture

Seeding window is part of the IN NRCS Cover Crop Seeding Calculator which can be found on the Field Office Tech Guide (FOTG) and downloaded [HERE](#)

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