Why Cover Crops?

Cover crops are non-commodity crops either inter-seeded 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

CONSERVATION CROPPING
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SEMINARS
Managing your inputs for healthy soils...

January 23rd Kankakee
January 24th Olney
January 25th Peoria

2017 SARE Soil Health Trainers Photo by Woody

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Directory of Businesses

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ISA PrairiEarth Farms Cover Crop Field Day

Your guide to businesses that supply seed and services to establish and manage cover crops in Illinois

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Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: 217/528-1563
Fax: 217/528-4274
www.ilstewards.org

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://byronseeds.net)

Brown Seed Sales 217/620-9133
(Warrensburg, IL, cdbrow2@gmail.com)

Center Seeds.....855/667-3943
(Minster, Ohio, www.centerseeds.com)

Cover Crop Solutions/Tillage Radish 800/767-9441
(Robesonia, PA, www.covercropsoutions.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/)

CHS Lowder.....217/435-9023

Ford & Sons, Inc. (Geneseo, Il. 61254 ... .800/383-4661

F&J Seed Service(Woodstock,IL.) 815/338-4029

Granite Seed and Erosion Control.....720/496-0600
(Denver, CO, www.graniteseed.com)

Gristmill Enterprises, Inc. 815/266-4010
(Warren, IL, www.gristmillinc.com)

Gordon Farms Seed Co. 217/892-8380
(Rantoul, IL, www.gfseedco.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.lftseed.com)

Legacy Seed 866/791-6390
(Scandinavia, 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)

Premium Seed Supply (Clayton, IL) 217/894-7054

ProHarvest Seeds 866/807-7015
(Ashkum, IL, proharvestseeds.com)

Saddle Butte Ag/Bio Till 217/868-5181
(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)

Walnut Creek Seeds LLC.....330/245-7618
(www.walnutcreekseeds.com)

Aerial Applicators/Pilots, *alphabetical by county*

Name	County (City)	Contact	Services
Aerinova Aerial, LLC,	Mattoon, IL	217/234-9439	Aerial seeding
Woodley Aerial Spray	Bureau (Walnut)	815/379-9300	Aerial seeding
Milhon Air, Inc.	Champaign	317/831-7464	Aerial seeding
Atlantic Ag. Aviation Inc.	Douglas (Tuscola)	217/649-3263	Aerial Seeding
Curless Flying Service	Fulton (Astoria)	309/759-4826	Aerial seeding, seed supply
Zumwalt Aviation	Iroquois (Sheldon)	815/429-3147	Seeding & custom herbicide, IL & IN
Ag Tech Air	Jo Davies (Stockton)	815/947-3248	Aerial seeding
Benoit Aerial Spraying	Kankakee (Kankakee)	815/932-2341	Aerial seeding
R & R Flight Service	LaSalle (Mendota)	815/538-7717	Aerial seeding
Pontiac Flying Service	Livingston (Pontiac)	815/842-3738	Aerial seeding
Flying ILLINI Ag Service LLC	Logan (Lincoln)	937/231-8611	Aerial seeding
Palmer Flying Service	Mason (Manito)	309/545-2281	Aerial seeding
Jack Holland	McLean	309/275-4326	Aerial seeding
Schertz Aerial Service, Inc.	McLean (Hudson)	309/726-1311	Aerial seeding, seed supply
C. Holzwarth Flying Service	Macoupin (Virden)	217/735-3592	Aerial seeding, seed, burndown
Killam Flying Service	Macoupin (Carlinville)	217/556-6220	Aerial seeding, burndown
Lindell Aerial Ag Service	Mercer (Aledo)	309/582-5445	Aerial seeding
Hendrickson Flying Service	Ogle (Rochelle)	815/384-5151	Aerial seeding
Mike's Air Service	Piatt (Cisco)	217/669-2309	Aerial seeding
Reynolds Aerial Service LLC	Piatt (Mansfield)	217/841-6610	Aerial seeding
Brian Agricultural Aviation	Tazewell (Pekin)	309/346-3348	Aerial seeding
Mills Ag Service	Vermilion (Potomac)	217/286-3300	Aerial seeding, burndown
Aero Crop Services, LLC	Vermilion (Bismarck)	217/446-5293	Aerial seeding
Franks Flying Service	Whiteside (Morrison)	815/778-3336	Aerial seeding

OTHER SERVICES

Seeding Cover Crop Services

Two Brothers Custom Ag. 217/306-4268

Highboy Rigs, Foosland, ...217/784-8550

"Both 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

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