

# Cover Crop Decision Making Chart

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## Previous Crop: Corn/Corn Silage

### Nitrogen Scavengers

Annual Ryegrass<sup>3</sup> (A / D)  
Oilseed Radish<sup>1</sup> (A / D)  
Turnips<sup>2</sup> (A / D)  
Winter Rye<sup>3</sup> (A / D)  
Winter Barley<sup>3</sup> (A / D)  
Winter Triticale<sup>3</sup> (A / D)  
Triticale/Italian Ryegrass<sup>3</sup> Mix (A / D)

### Nitrogen Producers

Crimson Clover<sup>3</sup> (A / D)  
Austrian Winter Peas<sup>2</sup> (D)  
Hairy Vetch<sup>3</sup> (A / D)

### Both Nitrogen Producers and Scavengers

Crimson Clover/Oilseed Radish Mixture<sup>3</sup> (A / D)  
Austrian Winter Pea/Oilseed Radish Mixture<sup>2</sup> (D)  
Ann. Ryegrass/Oilseed Radish/Crimson Clover Mix<sup>3</sup>(A / D)

Guidelines for success when aerial applying cover crops into standing corn:

- ⇒ Aerial apply cover crops when the corn plant is dried approximately to the ear.
- ⇒ Aerial apply cover crops when approximately 50% of the sunlight can reach the ground between the rows. (Walk in the field a few rows to determine this.)
- ⇒ For success, do not fly cover crops into corn that is immature (still very green). The seeds will most likely germinate and then mold (not enough sunlight to conduct photosynthesis and too moist of conditions).
- ⇒ Rule of thumb...don't plant in the shade.

### Cover Crop for forage

Oats/Rye/Turnip Mix<sup>3</sup> (A / D)(graze)  
Oats and Oilseed Radish<sup>1</sup> (A / D)  
Oats and Turnips<sup>1</sup> (A / D)  
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Annual Ryegrass<sup>3</sup> (haylage, grazing) (A / D)  
Triticale/Italian Ryegrass Mix<sup>3</sup> (A / D)

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<sup>1</sup> = expect winterkill  
<sup>2</sup> = may overwinter  
<sup>3</sup> = expect to live over-winter

A=Aerial Application is dependable for stand establishment  
D = Drilled is dependable for stand establishment  
A / D = Aerial and/or Drilled is dependable for stand establishment