

Marion County SWCD Demonstration Garden Crop Plan 2025

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
A6	Winterkill Cover Crop			Spinach / Beets		Summer High Biomass Cover Crop			High Biomass Cover Crop			
A5	Winterkill Cover Crop			Carrots			Summer High Biomass Cover Crop					
A4	Winterkill Cover Crop			Onions			Carrots			High Biomass Cover Crop		
A3	Winterkill Cover Crop			Onions			Carrots			High Biomass Cover Crop		
A2	Garlic					Summer Low Bio		Spinach / Beets		High Biomass Cover Crop		
A1	High Biomass Cover Crop				Squash		Winterkill Cover Crop			Garlic		
B6	Legume Cover Crop			Sweet Corn		High Biomass Cover Crop						
B5	Legume Cover Crop			Sweet Corn		High Biomass Cover Crop						
B4	High Biomass Cover Crop				Sweet Potatoes			Winterkill Cover Crop				
B3	High Biomass Cover Crop				Sweet Potatoes			Winterkill Cover Crop				
B2	Wildlife and Native Planting											
B1	for Beneficial Insects and Pollinators											
C6	Compost Area											
C5	High Biomass Cover Crop			Tomatoes / Peppers			Legume Cover Crop					
C4	Legume Cover Crop			Kale, Turnips, Pac Choi		1/2 Beets		Legume Cover Crop				
C3	Mulch		Snap Peas / Flowers			Pac Choi / Turnips		High Biomass Cover Crop				
C2	Mulch		Spring High Biomass Cover Crop			Summer High Biomass Cover Crop			High Biomass Cover Crop			
C1	High Biomass Cover Crop				Melons			Winterkill Cover Crop				
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Key
Vegetables
Cover Crop
Mulch or Winterkilled
Tarp
Solarization
Wildlife Planting
Compost Area

Cover Crop Strategies	Species and Mix Examples
Winterkill	Oats, Field Peas, Radish, Flax, Phacelia
Legume	Hairy Vetch, Crimson Clover plus Oats
High Biomass	Cereal Rye Based Mix
Spring High Biomass	Oats, Field Peas, Flax, Phacelia
Summer Low Biomass	Buckwheat
Summer High Biomass	Sorghum Sudangrass, Sunn Hemp
Tarp duration requirements to terminate cover crops, crops, and weeds vary with species, temperature, and plant growth stage.	

Reference Documents
Indiana Vegetable Planting Calendar, Purdue Extension HO-196-W
Home Gardener's Guide, Purdue Extension HO-32-W
The Fall Vegetable Garden, Purdue Extension HO-66W
Indiana Cover Crop Seeding Windows, NRCS
Indiana Cover Crop Table
Indiana Cover Crop Tool
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Marion County SWCD Demonstration Garden Crop Rotation
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