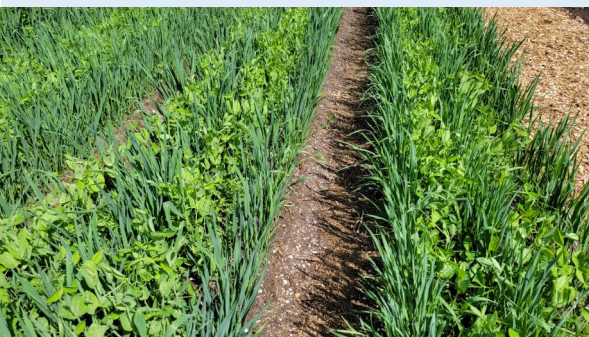


Oats and Field Peas > Early to Mid Spring Crops



Oats and peas planted with row seeder



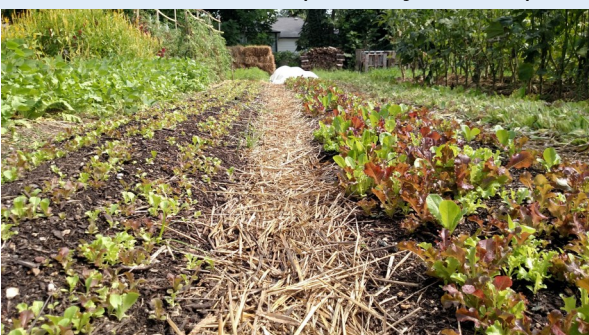
Fall growth



Winterkilled



Oat mulch raked into pathways + compost



Lettuce crop

Species	Type	Rate (oz / 100 sq.ft.)
~ Oats	Grass	3 oz
~ Field Peas	Legume	2 oz

Planting Window

- ~ Fall (Refer to NRCS Indiana - Seeding Windows for best dates)

Next Crops

- ~ Leafy greens (Lettuce, spinach, etc.)
- ~ Carrots, beets
- ~ Snap peas

Management Notes

- ~ Plant oats and field peas cover crop in the fall on beds that will be planted to vegetables in early spring.
- ~ Add a low rate of radish to the cover crop mix for increased weed suppression and diversity.
- ~ In late winter, the mix winterkills, meaning it dies from freezing temperatures or frost.
- ~ In March, spot weed winter annuals. If extra weed control is needed, tarp the area until planting. Tarps may take more than 4 weeks in cooler months to terminate weeds.
- ~ Rake aside cover crop aboveground residue into walkway before planting crop. Weed whack or mow first if needed.
- ~ Leave cover crop roots in the soil for soil health.
- ~ If needed, add compost and/or lightly rake bed smooth if needed for easier direct seeding.



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