

Indiana Cover Crop Seeding Windows

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	IN	M	M	M
Cowpea/Soybeans			S	IN	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 /				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

Legend



- IN Suitable seeding dates for all of Indiana
- S Additional suitable seeding dates for Southern IN (~South of I-70)
- N Additional suitable seeding dates for Northern IN (~North of I-70)
- R Riskier Establishment (Season/Weather/Variety Dependent)
- F Frost/Dormant Seeding
- M If sufficient moisture
- 1 Risk for Hessian fly-free dates recommended
- 2 Dormant/Frost/Early seeding December thru March. Increase seeding rates by 25%.
- 3 Expect lower biomass and production
- 4 Bolting risk

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NOTE: Northern and southern Indiana seeding dates are divided on a general line along US 36 from Illinois to Indianapolis and US 40 from Indianapolis to Ohio.