

COVER CROP CHEAT SHEET

See below for charts and incentives

- **Aerial** (both air and ground) – make sure that the **APPLICATOR** signs the FSA maps. The **APPLICANT** has to fill out and sign the applicant’s certification form. Planting deadline is 10/1 and 10/10 depending on what they plant – check the chart below.
- **Seed tags & Home Grown Seed** – Seed tags need to be signed. Home Grown Seed needs the form from the MD Testing Lab. This needs to be signed also.
- **Fall application (9/10-12/15) of manure** to enrolled acres is prohibited. Nutrients cannot be applied until after March 1 other than Potash & Lime.
- **Cover crop that winter kills** – (Forage radish, spring oats) not eligible for delayed term incentive.
- **NEW:** Applicant can plant cover crop between 11/6-11/15 **BUT** their payment goes to \$45/ac vs. normal \$55. Certify by 11/22. Only can plant wheat, rye, & triticale. No incentives based on kill down dates. Must be terminated **AFTER** to 5/1. Needs to be reported as Late Planted Cover Crop.
- **MIXES** – see attached sheet.
- **MACS incentives:**
 - Aerial – plant by 9/10. Certify by 9/19.
 - Incorporated – plant by 10/10. Certify by 10/17
- **MACS base payment:**
 - Plant by 11/5 – certify by 11/14.
- **MACS reduced payment:**
 - Plant 11/6-15 – certify by 11/22
- **MACS fall payment** - \$35/ac
- **Spring termination** – can’t occur until March 1.
- **Applicant must be in here no later than June 3 to certify kill down.**

Approved Cover Crop Varieties	Seeding Rate Per Acre		Base Payment for Traditional Cover Crop Only	Statewide Planting Period for the Traditional Cover Crop Program ¹	Aerial Planting Deadlines	BCSC and BCCP Planting Deadlines
	Aerial ³ and BCSC and BCCP seeding rates	Incorporated seeding rates ⁴				
Canola/Rape(Brassica)	10	6	\$40.00 ²	08/01-10/01	10/01	10/01
Forage Radish	12.5	7.5	\$55.00	08/01-10/01	10/01	10/01
Oats	120	72	\$55.00	08/01-10/01	10/01	10/01
Barley	150	90	\$55.00	08/01-10/15	10/10	10/15
Rye	140	84	\$70.00	08/01-11/15	10/10	10/15
Triticale	140	84	\$55.00	08/01-11/15	10/10	10/15
Wheat/Spelts	150	90	\$55.00	08/01-11/15	10/10	10/15
Ryegrass	25	15	\$55.00	08/01-10/15	10/10	10/15
Clover(as part of mix)	25	15	\$70.00	08/01-10/01	10/01	10/01
Hairy Vetch(as part of mix)	31.25	20	\$70.00	08/01-10/01	10/01	10/01
Winter Peas(as part of mix)	75	45	\$70.00	08/01-10/01	10/01	10/01

The Operator is eligible for incentive payments as determined by the Department, the **MACS INCENTIVE OPTIONS requirements for Traditional Cover Crop** for planting methods and planting dates are as follows:

Traditional Cover Crop Payment Options	No-Till	Conventional	Broadcast w/light tillage/ Minimum Tillage or Vertical Tillage	Aerial	Broadcast Stalk Chop and Broadcast Cultipacker
Base Payment	\$55/ac	\$55/ac	\$55/ac	\$60/ac	\$55/ac
<i>Plant on or before October 10, add:</i>	\$10/acre	\$10/acre	\$10/acre	\$0	\$0
<i>Aerial seeding into standing corn planted on or before 9/10</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10/acre	\$0
<i>Plant Rye or a multi species cover crop add:</i>	\$15/ac	\$15/ac	\$15/ac	\$15/ac	\$15/ac
<i>Delayed Termination after 5/1</i>	\$10/ac	\$10/ac	\$10/ac	\$10/ac	\$10/ac
MAXIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT	\$90/ac	\$90/ac	\$90/ac	\$95/ac	\$80/ac
<i>Late planted cover crop Incorporated acres 11/6 thru 11/15 FLAT Acre</i>	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$0	\$0