



Winter Cover Crop Relative Rankings - GRASSES

ND = Not enough data to rank

1 = High weed potential if allowed to go to seed

Cover Crop Name	Legume N Source	N Scavenging	Soil Builder	Erosion Fighter	Weed Fighter	Good Grazing	Quick Growth	Lasting Residue	Mechanical Forage Harvest Value	Grain/Seed Harvest Value
Annual ryegrass		★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	1
Black oats		★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	ND	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	ND	★ ★ ★ ★
Cereal rye		★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★	★ ★ ★
Oats		★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★
Triticale		★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★
Wheat		★ ★ ★	★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★	★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★	★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★



Winter Cover Crop Relative Rankings - LEGUMES

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2 = Traditional southern crop but seed might not currently be available

Cover Crop Name	Legume N Source	N Scavenging	Soil Builder	Erosion Fighter	Weed Fighter	Good Grazing	Quick Growth	Lasting Residue	Mechanical Forage Harvest Value	Grain/Seed Harvest Value
Austrian winter peas	★★★★	★	★★	★★	★★	★★	★★	★	★★★★	★★★
Balansa clover	★★★	★	★	★	★	ND		★★	ND	
Crimson clover	★★★	★★	★★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★
White lupin	★★★	★	★★	★★	★★	★	★★	★	ND	★★ ²
Blue lupin	★★★	★	★★	★★	★★	★	★★	★	ND	★★ ²
Canola		★★★	★★	★★	★★	★	★★	★★		★★★★



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Common vetch	★ ★ ★	ND	ND	★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★	★	★	★	ND
Hairy vetch	★ ★ ★ ★	★	★ ★ ★	★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★	★	★	★	★ ★ ¹



Winter Cover Crop Relative Rankings - BRASSICAS

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Cover Crop Name	Legume N Source	N Scavenging	Soil Builder	Erosion Fighter	Weed Fighter	Good Grazing	Quick Growth	Lasting Residue	Mechanical Forage Harvest Value	Grain/Seed Harvest Value
Daikon radishes		★★★★	★★	★★★	★★★	★★	★★★★	★		
Collards/Kale	ND	ND	★★	★★★	★★★	★★	★★★★	★★		
Mustards		★★	★★	★★★	★★★	★★	★★★★	★		
Turnips	ND	★★	★★	★★★	★★★	★★	★★★★	★		