

Why cover crop?

- Improve soil health
- Improve yield potential over time
- Improve weed control of winter annuals
- Reduce erosion
- Increase earthworm populations
- Improve soil microbiology
- Build soil organic matter
- Produce and scavenge nutrients
- Help with manure management
- Provide excellent grazing opportunities
- Harvest energy from the sun

TOOLS YOU CAN USE:

- No-till drill after harvesting cash crop
- Broadcast after harvesting cash crop
- Aerial seed cover crops in September
- Other useful machines:
highboys, modified vertical tillage

FUNDING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH:
NRCS EQIP program
State of Vermont FAP program

Cover cropping is an integral part of any on-farm conservation tillage/water quality improvement plan. Call UVM Extension to learn how you can successfully implement and manage this practice on your farm.

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