

## Cover Crop Practices

	<b>Non-Harvestable Small Grain Cover Crop (SL-8B)</b>	<b>Harvestable Small Grain Cover Crop (SL-8H)</b>	<b>Legume Cover Crop (WQ-4)</b>
<b>What Can Be Planted?</b>	Winter Rye, Winter Wheat, Winter Barley, or Triticale		Crimson Clover, Hairy Vetch, or Austrian Winter Pea
<b>Seeding Rate?</b>	2 bu/ac minimum drilled 3 bu/ac minimum for broadcast/aerial seeding!		Crimson Clover: 20 lbs/ac Hairy Vetch: 20 lbs/ac Austrian Winter Pea: 30-40 lbs/ac <b>ALL SEED MUST BE INOCULATED!</b>
<b>Is Bin Run Seed Allowed?</b>	<b>Yes, but germination, purity, and noxious weed testing is required!</b>		Check with District.
<b>Must Be Planted By...</b>	November 1	October 10	Crimson Clover: September 15 Hairy Vetch: October 15 Austrian Winter Pea: October 15
<b>Base Cost-Share Rate</b>	\$25/ac		\$35/ac
<b>Early Planting Date</b>	October 10	None	None
<b>Early Planting Bonus</b>	\$25/ac	None	None
<b>Rye Variety Bonus*</b>	\$10/ac	None	None
<b>60% Cover By...</b>	December 1		
<b>Stand Must Be Maintained Until...</b>	March 15		Following grain crop is drilled into it.
<b>Is Grazing the Cover Crop Allowed?</b>	Yes, as long as at least 60% cover is maintained until March 15.		NO
<b>Killing the Cover Crop is...</b>	Required	Allowed	Not Allowed. Legume cover crop must be left on surface intact to serve as mulch for the no-till planting of grain crops.
<b>Kill Date</b>	March 15 - May 15	March 15 and after	None
<b>Allowable Methods of Killing</b>	Spraying, crimping, tilling under, grazing		None
<b>Is Harvest Allowed?</b>	NO	Yes	NO
<b>Is a Nutrient Management Plan Required?</b>	Yes**		
<b>Is Tax Credit Available in Additional to Cost-Share Payment?</b>	Yes	No - You have to choose one or the other. You cannot receive both.	Yes
<b>Maximum Acreage</b>	No Maximum	300 ac/applicant	No Maximum

\*Varieties of rye eligible for bonus: 6250 Abruzzi, Abruzzi, Virginia Abruzzi, Early Grazer, Graze Master, Grazer, Paster, Wheeler, Wintergrazer 70, Winterking

**\*\*Don't have a nutrient management plan? Our NM-1 program can help you started. For more detailed guidelines, please refer to the SL-8B, SL-8H, and WQ-4 practice specifications available at John Marshall SWCD. Questions? Call 540-347-3120 ext. 3!**