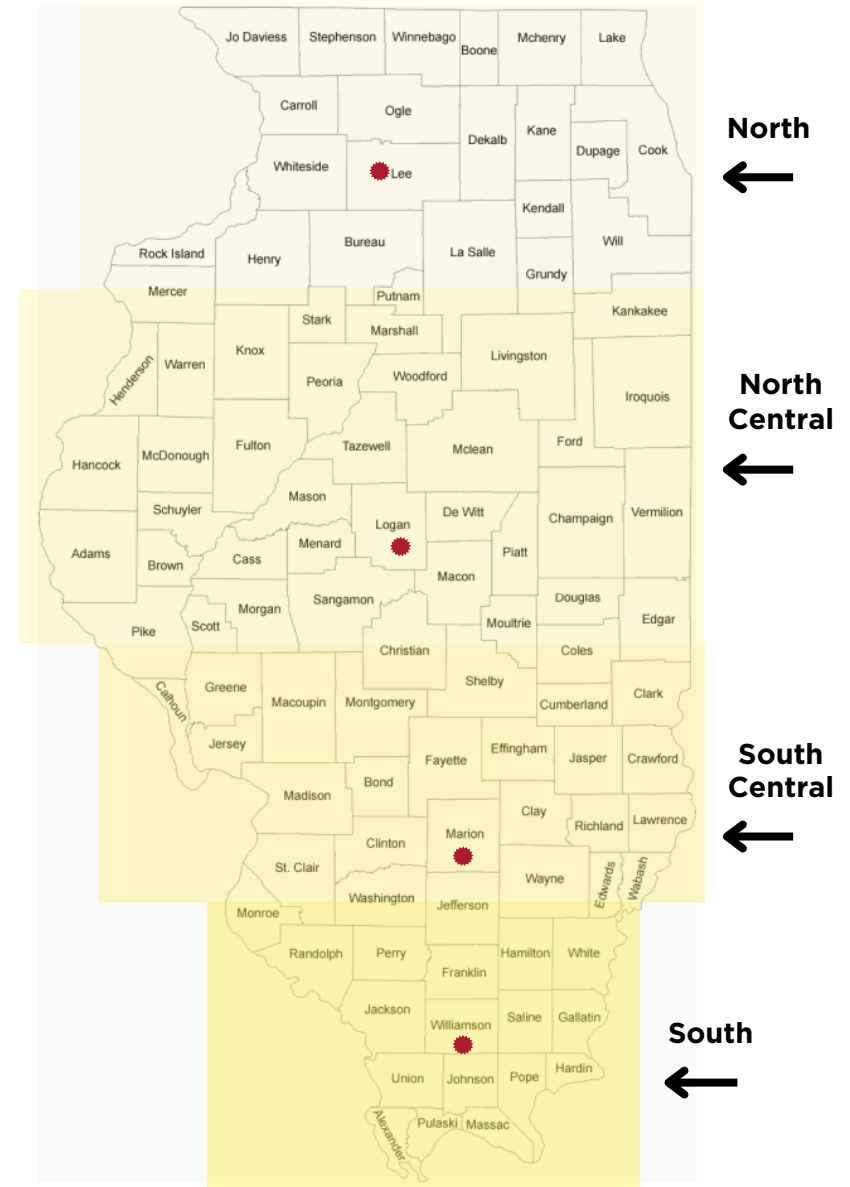


Illinois Cover Crop Quick Reference Guide

A general overview of planting information for common cover crops.

SPECIES	RATE(PLS)	METHOD	DEPTH	PLANTING DATES *see below for additional info			
				North <i>Lee County</i>	North Cent <i>Logan County</i>	South Cent <i>Marion County</i>	South <i>Williamson County</i>
Grasses							
Legumes							
Brassicac							
Cereal Rye	30-90lb/ac	Drill/Planter	3/4-1 1/2"	8/8-12/14	8/7-12/16	8/8-12/18	8/9-12/18
	40-100lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	40-100lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Winter Barley	30-90lb/ac	Drill/Planter	3/4-1 1/2"	8/27-10/22	8/28-10/27	8/30-11/1	8/31-11/1
	40-100lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	40-100lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Triticale	30-90lb/ac	Drill/Planter	3/4-1 1/2"	8/28-10/22	8/28-10/27	8/30-11/1	8/31-11/1
	40-100lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	40-108lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Winter Wheat	30-90lb/ac	Drill/Planter	3/4-1 1/2"	9/16-10/22	9/27-10/27	9/22-11/1	9/22-11/1
	40-100lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	40-108lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Spring Oats (Fall Planted)	50-70lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/2-1 1/2"	8/8-9/16	8/7-9/17	8/8-9/21	8/9-9/22
	60-90lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	60-90lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Annual Ryegrass	10-15lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/4-1/2"	8/8-9/16	8/7-9/17	8/8-9/21	8/9-9/22
	12-15lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	12-18lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Red Clover	8-10lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/4-1/2"	7/19-9/16	7/18-9/17	7/17-9/21	7/18-9/22
	9-12lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	10-12lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Balansa Clover	5-8lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/4-1/2"	7/19-9/16	7/18-9/17	7/17-9/21	7/18-9/22
	6-10lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	6-10lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Crimson Clover	10-20lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/4-1/2"	7/19-9/16	7/18-9/18	7/17-9/21	7/18-9/22
	12-25lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	12-25lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Winter Pea	25-50lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1-1 1/2"	8/8-9/16	8/7-9/18	8/7-9/21	8/9-9/22
	29-58lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	NR	Aerial	NR				
Hairy Vetch	15-20lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/2-1"	7/19-9/16	7/18-9/18	7/17-9/21	7/18-9/22
	17-25lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	18-25lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Winter Camelina	3-5lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/4-1/2"	9/28-10/24	9/30-10/29	10/5-11/3	10/6-11/3
	4-6lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	NR	Aerial	NR				
Rapeseed	2-5lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/4-1/2"	8/8-9/16	8/7-9/18	8/7-9/21	8/9-9/22
	2-5lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	2-5lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Forage Turnip	2-4lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/4-1/2"	6/20-9/16	6/16-9/17	6/13-9/21	6/15-9/22
	2-4lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	2-5lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				
Radish	4-8lb/ac	Drill/Planter	1/4-3/4"	7/19-9/16	7/17-9-18	7/16-9/22	7/18-9/23
	5-10lb/ac	Broadcast	N/A				
	5-10lb/ac	Aerial	N/A				



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Planting date guidelines are based on a single county in each zone. Zones are determined based on 2023 USDA Plant Hardiness zone map. For the most specific recommendation for your location, please visit:

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