

WI guidelines for successful termination of commonly used cover crop species



Note: Consider your fertilizer application and planter set-up to ensure a successful following cash crop!

Consult with your crop insurance agent before establishing any cover crops to confirm termination requirements!

	Winterkill	Crimping	Mowing	Tillage ¹	Herbicide
SMALL GRAIN/GRASS SPECIES					
Annual Ryegrass	Maybe	No	No	Yes	Glyphosate ² 16-32 fl oz per acre
Oat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sorghum-sudangrass	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Spring Barley	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Winter Triticale	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Winter Barley	Maybe	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Winter Rye	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Winter Wheat	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BRASSICAS					
Mustards	Yes	No	No	Yes	Glyphosate ² 16-32 fl oz per acre
Radish	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Rapeseed	Maybe	No	No	Yes	
Turnip	Yes	No	No	Yes	
LEGUMES					
Berseem Clover	Yes	No	No	Yes	Glyphosate ² 16-32 fl oz per acre + Growth Regulator 8-16 fl oz per acre
Cowpeas	Yes	No	Maybe	Yes	
Crimson Clover	Maybe	No	No	Yes	
Field Pea/Forage Pea	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Hairy Vetch	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Red Clover	No	No	No	Yes	
Sunflower	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
¹ Tillage is not a recommended termination practice unless the cropping systems has limited termination options. Frequent tillage can degrade soil health. Note that tillage may require multiple passes to fully incorporate the cover crop.					
² Glyphosate formulation - 4.5 lb acid equivalent per gallon. Always read and follow the herbicide label. The label is the law.					