



In addition to our range of mixtures we offer the service of mixing specialized mixtures to very specialized situations, either advised by us or to the grower's specification.

We have a wide selection of species and varieties that we can draw on- to achieve specific jobs.



Some of the cover crop species that we offer include:

- ▶ Oil radish
- ▶ Mustard
- ▶ Phacelia
- ▶ Oats
- ▶ Rye
- ▶ Vetch
- ▶ Buckwheat
- ▶ Various clover
- ▶ Sunflower
- ▶ Various brassicas

SUPER COVER

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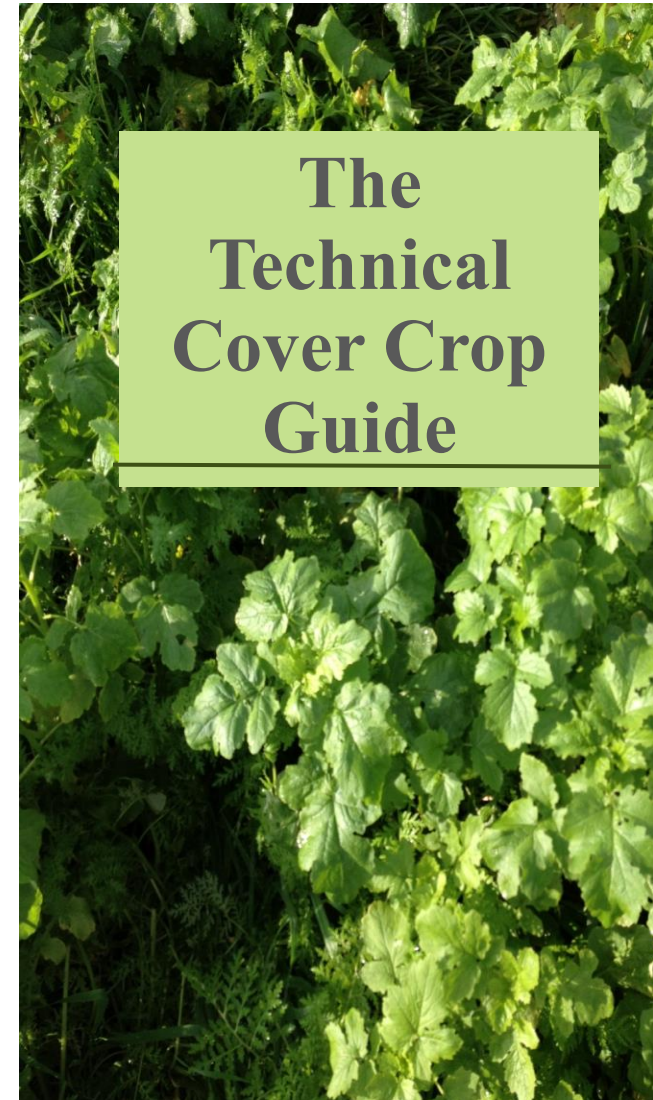
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The Technical Cover Crop Guide



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COVER CROPPING



In recent years, cover cropping has become more favourable for farmers who wish to enhance their soil health and reduce damage by diseases, insects and nematodes.

Another advantage of growing a cover crop is that it can help to reduce weed burdens, and this can greatly improve the crop established the following year.



▶ Cover crops are also offered as an EFA option and there is an array of crops which growers can produce.

- ▶ Cover crops can also provide valuable habitats for wildlife and some can be used as an alternative feed option for livestock.

A Cover Crop should be used as part of an Integrated Management Strategy.

Getting Started...

- Identify your key objectives- What are you hoping to achieve?
- Will a cover crop fit in with your rotation?
- What are the impacts of incorporating a cover crop into your rotation?
- Is the seed coming from a trusted source?

ESTABLISHING A COVER CROP



It is important to use the right establishment methods, and these can vary depending on cover crop choice.

SOWING DATES

- ▶ Preferably the cover is drilled as close behind the previous crop as possible.
- ▶ It can be direct drilled, auto-cast (depending on the mixture) or using an OSR seeder on a cultivator.
- ▶ If the cover crop is part of an Ecological Focus Area, then the crop must be established before the beginning of October and not destroyed until after the 15th of January.

N Fertiliser is recommended after the crop has been drilled along with rolling to conserve soil moisture and establish a good seed to soil contact for optimum growth.



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A popular recommendation in our *Super Cover* range is the oil radish 'Discovery' which is a leading variety and offers a valuable cover crop either by itself or as part of a mixture. It is one that can also be used for nematode reduction purposes without interfering with most species in various cropping rotations.



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CLUBROOT RESISTANT

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EARLY-MID FLOWERING VARIETY

GOOD EARLY DEVELOPMENT

STRONG LATERAL ROOT DEVELOPMENT

