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The Practical
**COVER
CROPPER**

Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.

New cover crop app available

Practical Farmers has released a new cover crop app designed to help farmers locate cover crop seed suppliers and service providers in time for fall 2021 planting decisions. The free app, Find Cover Crops, is available for download on the [Apple App Store](#), [Google Play Store](#) and a [desktop version](#) is also available. The Find Cover Crops app lets users:

- Search by location or GPS for at least 44 cover crop seed dealers, seed cleaning and custom spraying services located across Iowa and surrounding states
- Request aerial application, custom drilling and high-clearance seeding services from their phones or computer
- Access management recommendations, including embedded how-to videos for seeding, grazing and terminating cover crops
- Precisely identify the boundaries of fields to be cover cropped using the app's "Find My Field" feature, which lets users search for, mark and send images of a field to businesses



This app design is based on what farmers have voiced as their biggest questions and challenges related to cover crops. It will serve as a tool that can empower farmers by helping to simplify cover crop planning and management.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Seeding cover crops in fall of 2021? Enroll in cost share!



Ready to invest in cover crops on your farm?

You could earn \$1,600 or more to help offset the cost— [fill out the application to see if you're eligible.](#)

[Fill out the application](#)

Iowans: Apply for Water Quality Initiative cost share today!

First-time cover croppers are eligible for \$25 per acre, while farmers who have experience using cover crops and are continuing the practice can receive \$15 per acre. Reduced tillage and nitrapyrin nitrification inhibitor cost share is also available.

Cost share funding through IDALS is capped at 160 acres per farmer or landowner. [Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District office](#) to submit an application!

IN THE FIELD

Blog: "Most Commonly Used Cover Crops in Iowa"

Selecting a cover crop species is dependent upon your needs and goals.

[Read this blog](#), by Iowa State's **Mark Licht** and **Zachary Clemens**, to learn about the most commonly used cover crops in Iowa and how they can be incorporated into your operation.



Cover crop recipes

Getting started with cover cropping and need help choosing a mix to



meet your goals?

These cover crop recipes from the Midwest Cover Crops Council can offer a starting point so you can begin implementing cover crops on your farm.

Looking for seed? Check out our cover crop business directory

We've created a directory of businesses to help you meet your cover crop goals. There, you can find seed suppliers, custom applicators, seed cleaners, and more.

If you sell cover crop seed or offer cover crop related services email jason@practicalfarmers.org to be listed on the directory.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Live from the Farm: Small-grain Harvest and Post-harvest Handling in the Little Sioux Valley

Hosted by: Roger Wilcox & Practical Farmers
July 27 | 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. CT | Online

CORN Live: Cover Crop Edition - Next Generation Cover Crops

Hosted by: Shalamar Armstrong, Purdue University
July 29 | 7 – 8 a.m. CT | Online

Minnesota Farmfest

Hosted by: IDEAg
August 3-5 | Morgan, MN

Green Cover Soil Health Field Day

Hosted by: Green Cover | 918 Rd X Bladen, NE 68928
August 3 | 8:30 - 3:00 p.m. CT

Catching Up: Learning About Cover Crops, 60-inch Row Corn and Grazing Cover Crops

Hosted by: Bronson Allred & Practical Farmers
August 4 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. CT

Green Cover Soil Health Field Day

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August 3 | 8:30 - 3:00 p.m. CT

[CORN Live: Cover Crop Edition - Cover Crop Roundtable, Farmer Panel](#)

Hosted by: Ohio State University

August 5 | 7-8 a.m. CT | Online

[Field Day: Cover Crops from Start to Finish](#)

Hosted by: Anne and Landon Plagge & Practical Farmers

August 6 | 4-6 p.m. CT | Latimer, IA

[Vermilion Watershed Field Tour](#)

Hosted by: Vermilion Headwaters Partnership | Emington, IL

August 11 | 6:30 - 11:30 a.m.

[Field Day: Corn and Cover Crops](#)

Hosted by: Bobolink Prairie Farms, Wilcox Farms & Practical Farmers

August 21 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. CT | Correctionville, IA

Want to host a cover crop meet up? Contact Sarah if interested

sarah@practicalfarmers.org

Are you planning or hosting a cover crop event? Send the details to rebecca@practicalfarmers.org, and we'll include it in our next newsletter.

COVER CROP POLL

Send us your cover crop poll ideas! We want to know what YOU want to know. Reply to this email with your ideas for the next poll.

Have you purchased cover crop seed?

Yes, I have cover crop seed for all of my fields

Select

Yes, but I only have cover crop seed for some of my fields

Select

No, I have not bought my cover crop seed yet

Select

No, I will not be planting a cover crop this year

Select

Previous poll results:

How many species do you typically seed for cover crops?

- **1 - 26.5%**
- **2 - 23.5%**
- **Depends on the field, my goals - 20.6%**
- **3 - 14.7%**
- **4+ - 14.7%**

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