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Small
Grains
NEWS
July 2021

Hello,

Happy small grain harvest! If you're direct cutting your grain don't forget to get some air on it while it goes through its sweat. Your grain or seed quality will be better off for it!

You've most likely identified a market for your small grain crop, but if not, our [Small Grains Business Directory](#) could be a useful resource for identifying seed cleaners and buyers and grain buyers.

Finally, we are beginning to hold more in-person events. Check out the events listed near the bottom of this email to see if any are happening near you.

Wishing you a safe and fruitful small grain harvest,
The Strategic Initiatives Team

August 6 call: Early-seeded rye covers for weed suppression in organic, no-till soybeans

A rye cover crop with a consistent stand and high biomass has tremendous weed suppression potential, which can enable no-till, organic soybean production. However, drilling rye after corn harvest doesn't allow for sufficient growth to adequately combat weeds.

Seeding rye after a summer harvest is one of the best ways to get weed suppression from rye in soybeans.

On our August 6th shared learning call at 12:15 pm CT, [we'll hear from Western Illinois University professor Joel Gruver](#), on re-thinking crop



succession in organic, minimum tillage crop rotations. Joel will share ideas and observations from his research at Allison Farm.

To join dial (605) 313-5784 and enter passcode 239000# when prompted.

Re-cap blog: Hybrid rye: Additional benefits for organic swine production



A couple of weeks ago, **Jude Becker** of Dyersville, Iowa shared his experience with raising hybrid rye and incorporating it into his swine rations.

[Read the blog here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

[Live from the Farm: Small-grain harvest and post-harvest handling in the Little Sioux Valley, hosted by Roger Wilcox](#)

July 27 | 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. CT | [Online](#)

[Pasture Walk on Grazing Kernza](#)

July 28 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. CT | Goodhue, MN

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

August 6 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CT | Latimer, IA

August

[Shared Learning Call: Early-seeded rye covers for weed suppression in organic, no-till soybeans](#)

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

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[Field Day with Ray Archuleta & Mervin, Cherlyn Beachy](#)

August 18 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CT | Saint Ansgar, IA

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

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

[Live from the Farm: Diverse Forages for Dairy Operations](#)

August 24 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. CT | [Online](#)

IN THE FIELD

Video: Post harvest handling and storage for small grains



In this episode of Rotationally Raised, "Post-Harvest: Handling and Storage" PFI farmers talk small grains cleaning, storage and handling.

[Watch the video here.](#)

SMALL GRAIN POLL

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

How is your winter small grain (rye, winter wheat, barley, triticale) harvest coming along?

Winter small grains are being harvested

Select

Winter small grain harvest is done

Select

I haven't started yet

Select

Previous poll results:

When do you typically seed your post-small grain cover crop?

- **Early spring (February- April) - 71.4%**
- Summer (July- September) - **28.6%**
- Late spring (May- June) - **0.0%**

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