

## Practical Cover Cropper - Save on planting cover crops

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*Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.*



### Practical Cover Croppers: "Seeding Cover Crops with an Air Seeder and Rolling Harrow"

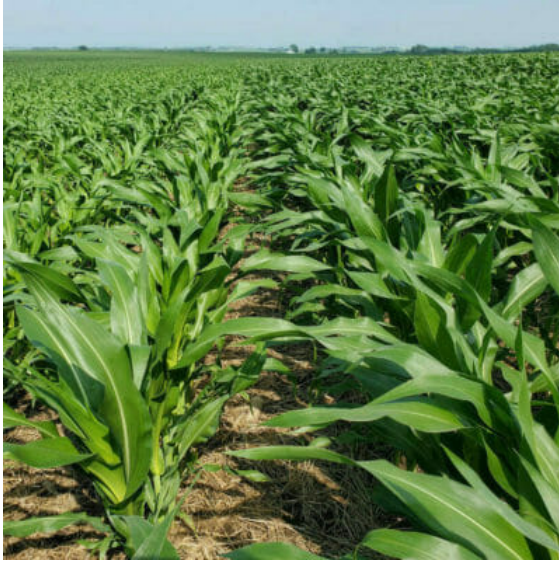
Harvest and cover crop seeding is underway! Check out this timely release to our Practical Cover Croppers video series featuring PFI member **Will Cannon** of Prairie City, Iowa, where he shares his quick and inexpensive cover crop seeding method. The setup: a Hiniker air seeder with Gandy seed meters mounted on a DIY frame that pulls a pre-owned J&M double rolling harrow.

Will estimates this seeding method, including labor costs, to be just \$5 to \$6 per acre!

Check back weekly for new releases on our YouTube channel including our latest video ["In-Row Roller Crimping Cereal Rye for Earlier Soybean Planting"](#) with PFI member **Michael Vittetoe** of Washington, Iowa.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### Reduce your input costs with our N Rate Risk Protection Program



Are rising input costs affecting your farm's profits?

Our N Rate Risk Protection Program can help you cut nitrogen applications to corn, saving you money and enhancing farm resilience.

You'll work with PFI agronomists to reduce nitrogen by at least 20 pounds per acre. **If your yield drops, our program will help make up the difference at \$35 per acre.**

[Learn more and apply today.](#)

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### We have money to help you save on planting cover crops!



Don't miss out on your opportunity to double up on cover crop cost-share with us.

PFI's cost-share is **stackable with publicly funded cover crop cost-share programs**, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program offered through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Last year, about 64% of participants in our cost-share program also received public cost-share.

[Applications are open until Dec. 1.](#)

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### Tap into a community of knowledge-sharing with a PFI membership



**[Join PFI's growing network of over 6,000 farmers, landowners and supporters!](#)**

In addition to a supportive network, membership benefits include a subscription to our quarterly magazine, invitations to 100-plus events annually, eligibility to participate in our members-only email discussion groups and more.

**Note: Cover crop cost-share participants automatically receive a PFI membership as a gift!**

**[Join or renew today!](#)**

## IN THE FIELD

### Research report: Camelina ahead of corn and soybeans



Small grains species like cereal rye and winter wheat are popular winter cover crops in corn-soybean systems due to their ability to overwinter, but what other options might exist?

A group of three PFI cooperators trialed winter camelina, a brassica species that can overwinter in certain conditions, in 2020.

**[Read how well the camelina overwintered and if it had any significant impact on yields in this 2020 research report.](#)**

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### Five seasons, 5 iterations of cover crop variety trials





Still deciding which cover crop to plant this fall? Our cooperators' program has several years of cover crop variety trial data at the ready!

In a 2017 trial, seven cooperators compared establishment in corn and soybeans for different species including winter wheat, hairy vetch, rapeseed and more.

[Read their trial results.](#)

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## Additional resources

- PFI's Find Cover Crops Tool: [Find and enroll cover crop businesses](#)
- Research report: ["Economic and Soil Health Impact of Grazing Cover Crops"](#)
- PFI blog: [Flying on cover crops in dry conditions](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Upcoming PFI events

*All events listed in Central Time.*

**Nov. 14: Field Day – Central Nebraska Regenerative Ag Conference**

*Hosted by: Central Community College & University of Nebraska Extension*

9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Holdredge, NE

**\*Registration link to come. Visit PFI staff at this event!\***

**Have a safe harvest!**

[\*\*View our events calendar\*\*](#)

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