

Cover Crop Options for Wet Soils

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Table 1: Options for fields with no herbicides applied:

When will the cover crop seed be applied?	2016 - corn	2016 - soybeans	Fall 2015 - wheat
July	sorghum sudan, millet, cereal rye, oats or barley, mixes especially with legumes like clover, peas or vetch	sorghum sudan, millet, cereal rye, oats or barley, multi mixes (avoid vetch or significant amounts of legume in the mix)	Buckwheat would achieve the most growth BUT needs to be controlled promptly to avoid seed set. Avoid cereal grasses
August	cereal rye, oats, barley, mixes especially with legumes like clover, peas or vetch	cereal rye, oats, barley, multi mixes (avoid vetch or significant amounts of legume in the mix)	Not a large enough window for growth Avoid cereal grasses

Note – Many legumes, like clover, are slow to establish and may let weeds get well established. Use only in mixes.

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