



## 2026/2027 Program

### Cover Crop Fact Sheet | Forage Radish (Only as part of mix)

Forage radish (*Raphanus sativus*) works well in cover crop mixes with grasses and legumes. Its deep taproot helps improve soil texture and water infiltration for future crops. When a mix is used, the crop with the earliest planting date will determine the planting deadline. All mixes must contain a cereal grain representing 50% of the mix.

#### Seeding Rates, Planting Dates, and Payment Options

Planting Method / Timing	Seeding rate	Seeding rate	Planting Deadline	Payment Rates
	lbs./ac (50/50) Mix	lbs./ac (50/25/25) Mix		
<b>Aerial-</b> airplane, helicopter, drone or ground-driven apparatus	6	3	Oct 10	\$50/ac
<b>No-till or Incorporated</b>	4	2	Oct 10	\$65/ac
<b>BCSC</b> (Broadcast/stalk chopping)	6	3	Oct 10	\$50/ac
<b>BCCP</b> (Broadcast/cultipacker)	6	3	Oct 10	\$50/ac
<b>Fall Applied Non-Poultry Manure</b>	-----		-----	\$25/ac

#### Eligible Planting Methods

<b>No-till</b>	Use a no-till drill in undisturbed ground
<b>Conventional</b>	Prepare seedbed using tillage (plow, chisel, or disk), then drill the seed
<b>Broadcasting with Light Tillage</b>	Broadcast seed followed by light disking or a similar method to ensure seed-to-soil contact
<b>Aerial Seeding-</b> airplane, helicopter, drone or ground-driven apparatus	Seed into a <b>standing</b> approved previous crop and must use the aerial seeding rate
<b>BCSC</b>	Broadcast seed followed by stalk chopping (corn or sorghum only).
<b>BCCP</b>	Broadcast seed followed by cult packing (corn or sorghum only)

#### Fall Reporting Requirements

- A. Report planting to SCD within 1 week of completion
- B. Submit signed seed tags, seed tests, and/or aerial invoices for each species planted
- C. The deadline to submit fall documentation is **December 1**
- D. A partial payment for your cover crop is available in the fall upon request.

#### Spring Reporting Requirements

- A. Termination may begin after **March 1**
- B. Termination should be reported within 2 weeks of completion and by **June 1**
- C. All acres fall-certified must be reported in the Spring
- D. Spring claim will be issued based on acres spring certified minus any fall payment
- E. The Spring payment will be processed after the final satellite imagery review and by July 1

*See the **Program Requirements** document on the website for more detailed information.*

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