ELIGIBLE COVER CROP SPECIES

- **Cereal Grains:** Wheat/Spelt, Rye, Barley, Triticale, Oats, and Ryegrass
- **Brassicas:** Forage Radish and Canola/Rape
- **Legumes:** Clover, Austrian Winter Peas and Hairy Vetch (must be planted with a cereal grain as part of a mix)

COVER CROP MIXES

- Two-species cover crop mixes may be planted at a rate of 50% cereal grains and 50% brassicas or legumes.
- Three species mixes (50/25/25) must contain a minimum of 50% eligible cereal grains.

### 2022-2023 COVER CROP PLANTING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

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<tr>
<th>TRADITIONAL COVER CROPS PAYMENT OPTIONS</th>
<th>NO-TILL</th>
<th>CONVENTIONAL</th>
<th>BROADCAST WITH LIGHT, MINIMUM OR VERTICAL TILLAGE</th>
<th>AERIAL/ AERIAL GROUND SEEDING</th>
<th>BROADCAST stalk chop and broadcast cultipacker</th>
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<td>Base payment:</td>
<td>$55/acre</td>
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<td>Plant by October 10, <strong>add:</strong></td>
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<td>Aerial seed into standing corn on or before September 10, <strong>add:</strong></td>
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<td>Plant rye or a multi-species cover crop, <strong>add:</strong></td>
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<td>Terminate cover crop after May 1, <strong>add:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Flat rate:</strong> (for cover crops planted from November 6 through November 15)</td>
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**PLANTING/TERMINATION DATES AND LATE PLANTING EXTENSIONS**

- Plant cereal grains by November 5, 2022. Some species have earlier deadlines.
- Mixes containing legumes, forage radish, canola/rape, or oats must be planted by October 1, 2022.
- The aerial seeding deadline for cover crops is October 10, 2022. Some species have earlier deadlines.
- Terminate cover crops between March 1 and June 1, 2023.
- Cover crops planted from November 6 through November 15 qualify for a reduced flat rate. Seed must be incorporated, the rye incentive is available, and termination must take place after May 1.
- cover crops planted from November 6 through November 15 must be certified by November 22, 2022.

**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

- You must be in good standing with the Conservation Grants Program and in compliance with Maryland’s nutrient management requirements.
- You must submit a current Nutrient Management Plan Certification with your application.
- Additional restrictions may apply.

**FIND A CONTRACTOR TO PLANT YOUR COVER CROP**

For a list of contractors who can plant cover crops in your fields this fall, visit mda.maryland.gov/conservation.

**FALL MANAGEMENT OPTIONS**

Eligible cover crops may be grazed or chopped for on-farm livestock forage after becoming well established. Manure may be applied in fall following Maryland’s nutrient management regulations.

**CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

To receive payment, certify cover crops with your local soil conservation district within one week of planting and no later than November 14, 2022. Late season

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