

## Hairy Vetch

Hairy Vetch is one of the highest potential nitrogen fixing legumes used in the Midwest. It offers many cover crop benefits including: pollinator habitat, soil health improvement, compaction relief, potential forage, weed suppression and nitrogen fixation.

Hairy vetch is very winter hardy, and can be successfully seeded even into October. Hairy vetch is one of the later maturing legumes. To reach its highest possible nitrogen fixation, it needs to be allowed to mature into May.



Hairy vetch can often leave hard seed in the soil seed bank if allowed to reach maturity, so manage appropriately if in an organic or non-GMO system.

**Seeding Method:** Broadcast, aerial or drill

**Seeding Rate:** 6-15# /acre in a mix

**Seeding Depth:** 1/2"

**Seeding Dates:** 8/15 - 10/10

**Notes:** Use an inoculant to help fix more N! Watch for hard seed.