

## Oats

Oats are a popular grain option for fall cover crops. Oats will have more fall growth than other grains prior to frost. Oats will winterkill north of I-70, so it is important to seed them at least six weeks before a killing frost.



Oats are a beneficial cover crop for many reasons. They have dense fibrous root systems that help to recycle nutrients, improve water holding capacity, increase organic matter, and more. Oats are also a popular choice for livestock producers that are looking to fall or winter graze. Some producers choose to mix triticale and oats to get both a winter and spring grazing option.

Oats can be seeded by themselves or with other species in a mixture.

<b>Seeding Method:</b>	Broadcast or drill
<b>Seeding Rate:</b>	50 - 100#/ac mono, 20 - 50#/ac mix
<b>Seeding Depth:</b>	1"
<b>Seeding Dates:</b>	8/1 - 9/5
<b>Notes:</b>	Always use cleaned & tested seed!