

Developing Sustainable Roller Crimped Cover Cropping Systems for Corn and Soybean Production: Effects on Cover Crop Winter Hardiness, Biomass, N Mobilization, Weed Suppression and Yields





Roller Crimping (5/20/16)









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Soybeans (7/11/16)

What We Learned

- Apply cover crop seed at a sufficient rate by mid-September
- Use early maturing cultivars to allow for timely cash crop planting
- Thick cover crops provide effective roller crimping and weed suppression
- Wait until full flowering for adequate roller crimping termination
- Have a back-up termination strategy ready for action
- The Bio-soil enhancer showed promise accelerating fall root growth
- Ineffective hairy vetch termination lowered corn yields and N mobilization on No-Till plots
- Soybean yields on both farms, No-till and Till, were well above organic County average



Greene County Conservation District









Need 4" roots to overwinter





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Hairy Vetch Cover Crop

Day 8 (9/25/16)







Corn (9/9/17)



