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- Raise 4,500 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, pasture, cover crops and Hoosier Grassfed Beef in West Central Indiana
Why Do We Plant Cover Crops?

- Living Root
- Armor-Soil Protection
- Carbon Accumulation
- Diversity
- Grazing Opportunities
- Grow our own nitrogen
- Weed Control
Grow your own Nitrogen
Natural Weed Control
Basic Principles

- Earlier Planting = More Diverse Possibilities
- Consistency
- Design so that there is something growing all the time
Microbial Party
How in the world am I going to plant into this?
Where did it all go?
Seeding Methods

- Interseeding
- Aerial Seeding
- High Clearance Seeding
- Broadcast
- Broadcast and “Scratch”
- “Vertical Seeding”
- Drill
Phillips Harrow/Valmar
Salford RTS/Valmar
Horsch Joker/Partner
Bio-Till 30” Radishes
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V5 Interseeding
The Unfortunate Truth
Termination Methods

- Winter Kill
- Chemical
- Crimper/Roller
- Mow
Crimper/Roller in Cereal Rye
Planting into Cover Crops

- Planting “Brown”
- Planting “Green”
Attitude is Everything