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# COVER CROP FARMER PROFILES



## **Mike Jackson**

**Farm:** corn, soybeans and pigs

**Do you plant cover crops?** Yes

**How many acres?** 1700  
(size of 1700 football fields)

**Why plant cover crops?** Cover crops increase soil health, reduce erosion

**What are the cons?** More management and additional cost



**What cover crop seeds do you plant?** Cereal Rye, wheat, radishes, and different mixes

**How do you plant the cover crop?** With 10 inch spacing drill following harvest

**Do you plant corn and soybeans into the cover crop?** Yes we plant the cash crop before we terminate the cover crop.

**What would you like students to know?** Farmers use science and math daily.



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## **Eric Fynaardt**

**Farm:** corn and soybeans

**Do you plant cover crops?** Yes

**How many acres?** 1200 acres  
(size of 1200 football fields)

**Why plant cover crops?** Cover crops help to build organic materials and prevent against erosion.

**What are the cons?** More management



**What cover crop seeds do you plant?** Rye

**How do you plant the cover crop?** We use a drill in the fall

**How do you plant the cash crop into the rye?** The planter has rollers to push the grass down

**What would you like students to know?** We do all of our field prep in the fall when we plant the cover crop seed. This keeps the soil from having to be tilled in the spring.