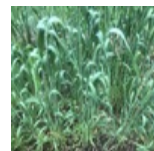


Grass  
**Wheat, Spring**  
*Triticum aestivum*



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### COVER CROP DESCRIPTION

Common cover crop. Does not need vernalization (overwintering) to flower. Much less likely than winter wheat to overwinter if planted in fall. Very good N scavenger. Excellent quality forage. After well-timed grazings can still produce spring biomass or grain. Not for small grain cash crop rotations (host for same diseases and pests). Fine nurse crop for legumes. Mixes well with winter peas, hairy vetch. Shorter, slower to head means residue easier to manage than rye. Matures later in spring, tolerates wetness better (but not flooding), higher spring biomass potential (but requires high fertility) than barley.

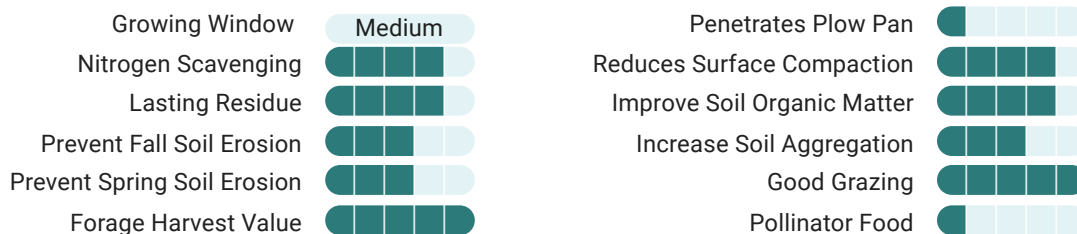


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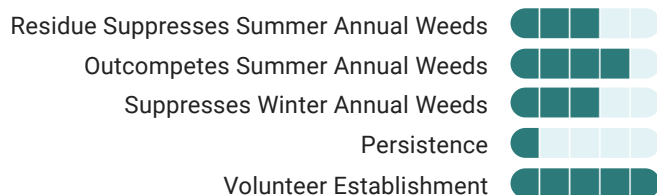


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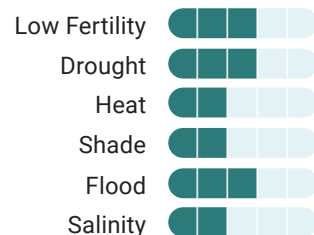
### GOALS



### WEEDS



### ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES



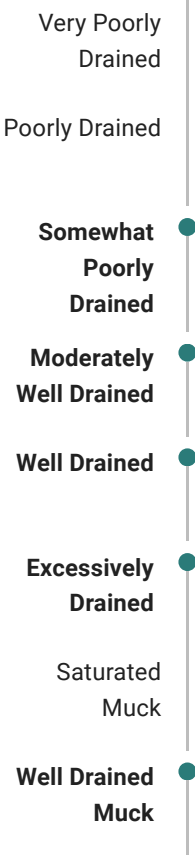


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Growth Traits

Duration	Annual
Zone Use	Common
Shape And Orientation	Erect
Dry Matter (Lbs/A/Yr)	1000 - 2500
Soil Texture	Coarse
	Fine
	Medium
Soil pH	5.5 - 8
Soil Moisture Use	Low
Hessian Fly Free Date?	No
Ease Of Establishment	
Establishes Quickly	
Early Spring Growth	
Flowering Trigger	Long Day
Root Depth	Medium

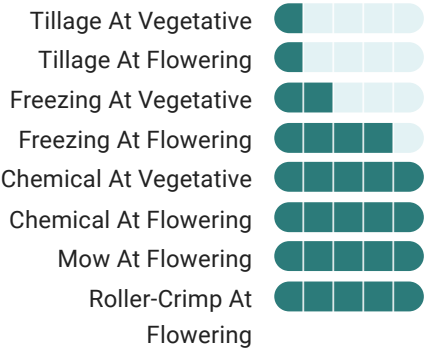
Soil Drainage



Planting

Seeds Per Lb	11400
Seed Price Per Lb	\$\$\$
Base Seeding Rate (Lbs/A)	60 - 150
Drilled Depth	0.75" - 1.5"
Can Aerial Seed?	No
Can Frost Seed?	No
Min Germination Temp (°F)	38

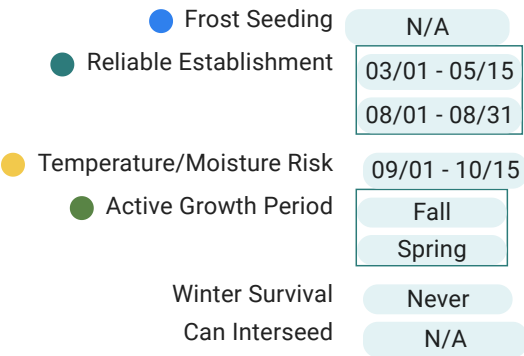
Termination





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Planting and Growth Windows



Extended Comments

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References & Resources

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**Fall Cover Crops**, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension