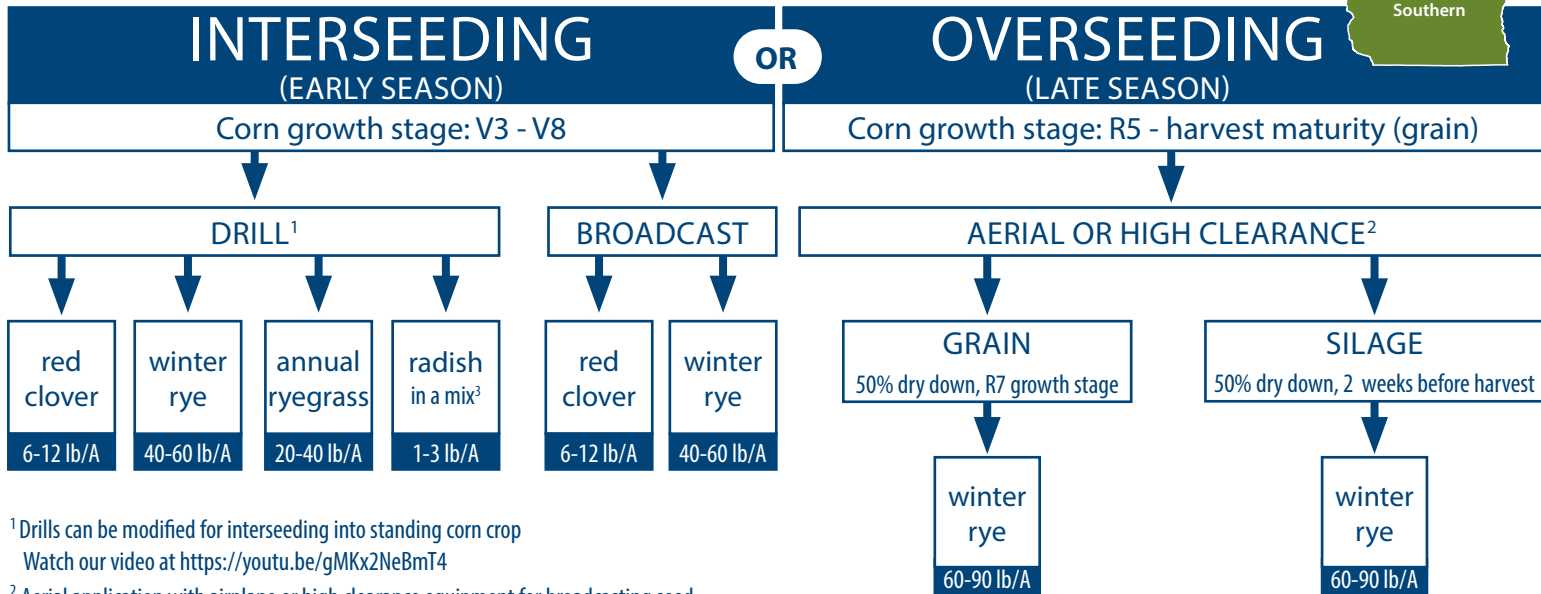




# In-Season Cover Crop Establishment into Corn Grain or Silage in Northern Wisconsin



- Species are often planted in a mix; adjust seeding rates accordingly
- Check herbicide program before interseeding into corn; residual herbicides can injure cover crops
- Aerial or other broadcast seeding is an option for earlier establishment into standing corn with some risk; corn should be senesced from the ground to the ear with harvest planned within two weeks; dry conditions after seeding, presence of slugs and sandy soils will limit success
- Broadcast seeding is often more successful in finer textured soils and when timed with an upcoming rainfall event



<sup>1</sup> Drills can be modified for interseeding into standing corn crop  
Watch our video at <https://youtu.be/gMKx2NeBmT4>

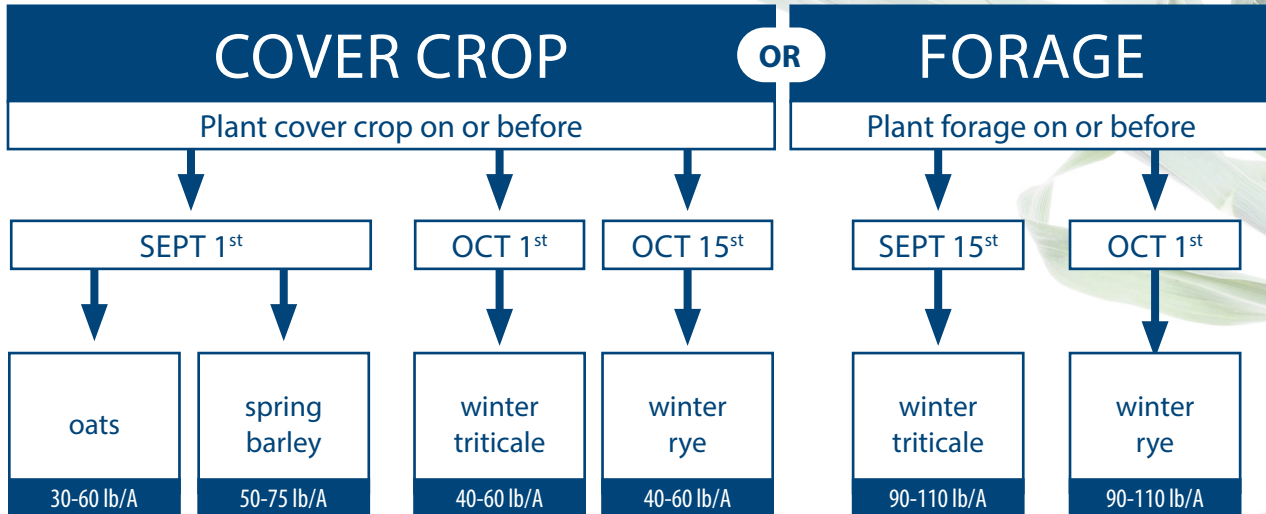
<sup>2</sup> Aerial application with airplane or high clearance equipment for broadcasting seed

<sup>3</sup> Brassica species should be planted as a small percentage of a mix, as they provide little biomass and decompose quickly

# Cover Crop Selection

## Following Corn Grain or Silage in Northern Wisconsin

- Seeding rates are for drill establishment; broadcast rates should be increased 20-30%
- Cover crop seeding rates should be adjusted for the goal of the cover crop (for example: erosion reduction, nitrogen scavenging, soil building)
- Plant all species listed below with adequate fertility by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> for best fall cover and spring forage yields (~1-2 TDM/A)
- Spring cereal grains (oats, barley) planted after October 1<sup>st</sup> will achieve minimal growth before frost
- Winter cereal grains (rye, triticale) planted in mid-October or later will have minimal fall growth but with adequate snow cover, typically over-winter providing some spring cover
- If harvesting the cover crop as forage, review planting interval restrictions for previous herbicides used (at least two growing seasons)



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