



Oats are typically spring seeded between March and April for grain production or as a nurse crop for establishing forage legumes. Oats can also be sown in the late summer or fall for a cover crop or forage source. Oats are very versatile and compliment almost any other cover crop species.

Spring Oats are an ideal choice for first-time cover crop users due to their compatibility and ease of winter kill termination. Spring Oats are a good host for mycorrhizal fungi, and their exudates reduce heavy metals in soils.

Winter Oats are fall seeded and can survive the winter for grain production, or to control erosion the following spring. They are a better choice as a cover crop since they will provide live roots throughout the winter for increasing soil microbes, but they will need intervention to terminate before planting a cash crop.

**EROSION CONTROL BENEFIT RATINGS** FORAGE QUALITY NITROGEN SOURCE NUTRIENT SCAVENGING QUICK GROWTH SOIL BUILDING WEED SUPPRESSION WINTER HARDINESS PLANTING INFO DRILLED: 30 - 60 SEEDING RATE LBS/A BROADCAST: 35 - 69 AERIAL: 36 - 72 0.5 - 1.5" SEEDING DEPTH MIN. GERM. TEMP 65 F **INTERSEED** NO SEEDS/LB 20,000