

Buying Annual Ryegrass Seed for Cover Crops

Your local seed supplier may be a reliable source of quality information for cover crop seeds. But it's always wise to know the right questions to ask before you buy.

Of the many varieties of annual ryegrass, only a handful have been tested in the Midwest and are suitable for cover crop use in corn and soybean production. Other varieties lack cold tolerance and are not recommended for Midwest conditions.

For the best shot at success with your cover crop, make sure that your supplier provides good information and seed with a history of testing and successful use on Midwest farms.

SEED FROM THE OREGON SOURCE

Oregon is the leading producer of annual ryegrass seed in North America. Below are companies that produce or handle varieties of annual ryegrass that have been tested for use in the Midwest.

If you click on the following website links, you'll find more information about growing annual ryegrass, as well as where to find seed in your area.

To assure the most current information, check our website: www.ryegrasscovercrop.com/resources/publications

VARIETY	COMPANY	WEBSITE
▪ Bounty, Assist	Saddle Butte Ag	www.saddlebutte.com/dealer-map
▪ Bruiser	Ampac Seed Company	www.ampacseed.com/midwest-dealers.htm
▪ Centurion	Mountain View Seeds	www.mtviewseeds.com/covercrop/ryegrass.php
▪ KB Supreme, KB Royal	KB Seed Solutions	www.kbseed.com
▪ King	Lewis Seed Company	www.lewisseed.com
▪ LowBoy	Smith Seed Service	www.smithseed.com
▪ Lonestar	Grassland Oregon	www.grasslandoregon.com
▪ MO-1, Kodiak, McKinley, Grasshancer 100W	DLF Seeds & Science	http://dlfis.com/forage/species-varieties/annual-ryegrass.aspx
▪ PPERC2	Pennington Seed	www.pennington.com/agriculture-wildlife/cover-crops
▪ Winter Hawk	OreGro Seeds, Inc.	www.oregroseeds.com

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of companies or seed varieties. Check our website for updates: www.ryegrasscovercrop.com/resources/publications

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT COVER CROPS AND SEED DEALERS

- Annual Ryegrass Cover Crop website: www.ryegrasscovercrop.com
- Midwest Cover Crop Council: www.mccc.msu.edu/innovators.html
- Illinois Stewardship Alliance Dealer/Locater Guide: <http://www.ilstewards.org>

For more information, including a detailed management guide for ryegrass as a cover, check the website of the Oregon Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission:

RyegrassCovercrop.com

