

Planting Green Fact Sheet

Get an
Earlier
Planting
Start by
Planting
Green!



Lapinski Farms planting green into winter rye. Photo taken June 23, 2021.

What is Planting Green?

When a cash crop is planted into a living cover crop.

Why Plant Green?

Typically cover crops are terminated ahead of planting. In this case, the cash crop is planted while the cover crop is still alive. The cover crop will then be terminated after. Planting green allows for earlier planting, provides food for slugs and keeps them away from the cash crop, allows farmers to maintain living roots in the soil for extended nutrient uptake, and also manages excess moisture in the soil.

Things to Consider When Planting Green

- Determine when your ideal time is to start planting
- Do not let the cover crop stand get too tall for easier planting

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