

Barley

Barley is a cover crop that is quickly gaining in popularity in the Midwest! It is a great option ahead of soybeans, and a very good option ahead of corn. Of the over-wintering grains, barley is the least likely to have a negative impact on a following corn crop. There are two reasons for this. First, barley has a lower C:N ratio than most other commonly used cover crop grains, allowing it to decompose more quickly. Secondly, barley tends to have less biomass.



Barley is great as a cover crop for weed suppression, erosion control, water holding capacity improvement and over all soil health.

Barley has proven to be winter hardy over 95% of the time in the Midwest, but it does need established earlier.

Seeding Method: Broadcast or drill

Seeding Rate: 50 - 100#/ac mono, 20 - 50#/ac mix

Seeding Depth: 1"

Seeding Dates: 9/1 - 10/15

Notes: Always use cleaned & tested seed! Select WINTER BARLEY varieties, not spring barley.