

SEEDING CROP FIELDS USING AIRPLANES



WHAT

Two low-flying planes will blanket 4,200 acres of New Jersey cropland in cover crops: an all-natural mixture of grass and clover seeds.

WHY

Cover crops protect water quality and sequester soil carbon. The seeds grow under the dense corn and soy cover. When the grains and beans are harvested, the newly established cover crops will remain, protecting the soil from erosion. The cover crops will provide additional soil nitrogen, build organic matter and suppress weeds.

WHEN

Aerial cover crop seeding begins September 2 and will run through mid-September, weather permitting. For updates, visit our Facebook page (@NJRCDC).

WHERE

Aerial seeding will occur in the following Townships:

Warren County: Blairstown, Franklin, Greenwich, Harmony, Hope, Liberty, Mansfield, Pohatcong, Washington, and White

Hunterdon County: Alexandria, Bethlehem, Clinton, Delaware Township, East Amwell, Franklin, Holland, Kingwood, Lebanon, Raritan, Tewksbury, and West Amwell

Mercer County: Hopewell and Pennington

Morris County: Washington

WHO

The aerial cover crop seeding program is a partnership between USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and North Jersey RC&D, a nonprofit supporting agriculture through conservation. Learn more at www.northjerseyrcd.org or call (908) 574-5368.

