

# Newsletter

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### CaroVail Agronomy Update August 5, 2016

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### Cover Crop or Spring Feed Frank Flis

The use of cover crops can provide many benefits. It can:

- act as weed control
- relieve or reduce compaction
- store nutrients
- control erosion
- preserve soil organic matter
- provide additional forage

<u>Locations</u> *Auburn* 55 Columbus St Auburn, NY 13021 315-253-7379

*Bernardston* 472 Northfield Road Bernardston, MA 01337 413-648-9900

*Niverville* 831 Route 28 Niverville, NY 12130 518-784-9166

Oriskany Falls 8341 US State Rt 20 Oriskany Falls, NY 13425 315-841-3201

*Salem* 4134 State Rt 22 Salem, NY 12865 518-854-9446

*Tri Valley Crop Ctr* 337 State Hwy 162 Sprakers, NY 12166 518-673-5336 Deciding which specie or species to use depends on intended use, timing of establishment, and field conditions.

If the need is for additional forage, then winter triticale has the best overall performance. It has better yield potential, stress tolerance, disease resistance, and it works better for pasture, hay or silage, than winter wheat. Winter rye may provide high yields, but with less quality than triticale. Knowing your county's take on available government cover crop programs (different programs incentivize based on different mixing combinations of species) may provide additional financial assistance to go in one direction or the other. Unfortunately most of these programs would have required a sign up earlier this year. Watch, however, for potential additional programs that might be offered in hard hit drought areas. Combining Rye /Triticale or Rye/Wheat can also work well as a spring forage solution.

Those looking to improve soil conditions may want to add winter peas, Daikon-Radish, crimson clover, or hairy vetch to improve soil tilth, preserve or gather nutrients, combat compaction, and preserve organic matter.

Proper establishment will yield best results. As always, soil seed contact is important. The drill will give best results in most cases. Broadcast seed will require higher seed rates per acre and should have some sort of tillage to get some seed coverage. Seed depth from ½ -2" is desired for most winter cover crop seeds. Knowing the seed and mix being used is important to select the correct depth.



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## Warning - Northern Leaf Blight

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Northern leaf blight has been spotted in multiple areas across the state (west, east, and Hudson Valley).

Please be aware of the situation and recognize that in some places, conditions are perfect for the situation to deteriorate quickly. Please take the time to check your fields, especially those containing varieties that may be susceptible. If found, work with your local CaroVail office to discuss options to minimize risk / damage, whether this be application (if still possible) or early harvest

#### Auburn

Bernardston

Niverville

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#### Winter Cover Crops

#### <u>Oats</u>

Seeding Rate 64-120#/Acre 1-2" deep ph-5.5-7.0 Plant mid August-mid September Establishment Fertility 30-10-10 Will winter kill leaving suitable no-till surface could be mixed with radish for soil conditioning

#### Winter Wheat

Seeding Rate 90-150# 1-2" deep ph 6.0-7.0 Plant late August-October Establishment Fertility 35-30-20 For Forage or Grain -Additional N in spring 30-50# with4-6# Sulfm and weed control if needed Grain production may require both a herbicide and fungicide prior to harvest For Forage Harvest before boot stage for best potential feed value

#### Winter Rye

Seeding Rate 75-140# 1-2" deep ph 5.5-7.0 Plant late August-October Establishment Fe llility - 30-20-20 For Forage or Grain harvest additional N in the spring will be beneficial For Forage harvest prior to boot stage for best potential quality

#### <u>Winter Triticule</u>

Seeding Rate 90-140#/Acre

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-2" deep ph 5.8-7.0 Plant late August-October Established Fertility 35-25-30 For Forage or Grain harvest additional N & K in the spring will be beneficial for forage 5-0-20-1OS For Forage highest quality will be gained by harvesting prior to flag leaf stage

Other amendments which can be added to the Winter Cover Crops for N-Fixation or Soil Tilth would be winter field peas for N-Fixation @ 20-30#/Acre with grain crop for soil tilth Daikon-Radish @ 2-7#/Acre with grain crop

Seeding rates should be on high end (ie Winter Rye @ 140+lbs/Acre) when surface applied with no tillage or drilling for soil seed contact

Sample ID: AWF 13 Triticale Package: EHSGNIR Sample Date:08/15/2013 Cut: Type:Haylage - Small Grain Certificate of Analysis Year: 2013 Species: DAIRY

#### CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Nutrient	Ast	OM	Method	Comments
Moisture (%)	74.50	0.00	Calculation	
Dry Matter (%)	25.50	100.00	Wet Chem.	
Crude Protein (%)	4.38	17.19	NIR	
Ammonia (%)	0.03	0.13	NIR	
ADICP (%)	0.02	0.07	NIR	
Fat (%)	1.00	3.91	NIR	
Ash (%)	2.81	11.04	NIR	
Acid Detergent Fiber-C (%)	6.73	26.41	NIR	
Neutral Detergent Fiber - C (%)	11.67	45.78	NIR	
dNDF (%)	5.67	2224	NIR	
NDFD (% of NDF)	48.58	48.58	Calculation	
Total Sugar % as is (%)	0.96	3.75	NIR	
Lignin (%)	0.97	3.81	NIR	
Adjusted Total Starch (%)	1.52	5.95	NIR -	
Adjusted Gelatirized Starch (%)	0.00	0.00	NIR	
pH (index)	4.37		NIR	
Cabium (%)	0.11	0.41	NIR	
Phosphorus (%)	0.13	0.50	NIR	
Magnesium (%)	0.04	0.15	NIR	
Potassium (%)	1.00	3.93	NIR	
Sodium (%)	0.01	0.05	NIR	
Chloride (%)	0.18	0.71	NIR	
Sulfur (%)	0.06	024	NIR	
DCAD (mEq/100g)		67.92	Calculation	
NFC (%)	5.63	22.08	Calculation	
Net Energy Lactation (McaU1001b)	17.03	66.78	Calculation	OARDC
Net Energy Maintenance (McaUkg)	0.38	1.48	Calculation	NRC, 1996
Net Energy Gain (McaUkg)	0.23	0.89	Calculation	NRC, 1996
Net Energy Maintenance (McaUcwt)	17.07	6695	Calculation	NRC, 1996
Net Energy Gain (McaUcwt)	10.25	40.21	Calculation	NRC, 1996
Total Digestible Nutrients (%)	16.59	65.07	Calculation	Adapted from Weiss et al., 1999

### Weather Update

	Approx.	Avg	Avg	GDD	GDD	GDD	GDD
	Weekly	expected	expected	(Base 50)	(Base 50)	(Base 50)	(Base 50)
	Rainfall	high Temp	Low Temp	since Jan	since Mar	since Apr	since
		next week	next week	1	1	1	May 1
Auburn	.20	84	63	1566	1566	1541	1505
Bernardston	0	82	58	1595	1595	1570	1516
Niverville	.22	82	61	1629	1629	1596	1540
Oriskany Falls	.20	78	59	1529	1529	1492	1455
Salem	.03	82	59	1412	1412	1387	1343
TVCC	.06	79	59	1741	1741	1710	1637

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**New York** 

**Crop Progress & Condition** 

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Crop Progress as of July 31, 2016 (in percent)

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Excellent Week for Field Work: New York had an average of 6	
days suitable for field work. Parts of the state finally received	
some beneficial rain. The rainfall was isolated, some areas are still	
reporting being in a D2 drought category, increasing the risk of	
crop damage. Crop conditions vary greatly depending on the	
amount of rain received. Pasture are reported as brown in areas	BA
with no rainfall and farmers have started supplementing with hay.	BA
Producers reported concerns over conditions of corn, soybeans	HA
and vegetables with the lack of rainfall. Re-growth of hay is	CA
limited. Wheat, oats and barley harvest is nearing completion.	HΔ
Water sources continue to run dry and farmers are hauling water	CO
from local creeks to supplement livestock water use. Apple	
maggots are reported as active and are requiring some	
management. Producers have finished hand thinning apple trees	THE NAME
and are now turning irrigation on in places to help with fruit	CD
sizing. Harvesting continued this week for cherries, peaches,	JLA
raspberries and blueberries. Field activities for the week included	
small fruit harvesting, pest control, applying pesticides and	111
manure, irrigation, repair and maintenance of equipment.	riA CD
Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 31, 2016	SE
(in percent)	- OA

(in percent)							
Item	Very	Short	Adequate	Surplus			
	Short						
TOPSOIL	24	28	36	12			
SUBSOIL	25	25	40	10			

#### Crop Conditions as of July 31, 2016

(in percent)							
Item	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
	Poor						
APPLES	10	30	43	17	0		
BARLEY	0	3	24	71	2		
CHERRIES,	53	37	4	6	0		
SWEET							
CORN	5	10	22	47	16		
GRAPES	0	2	28	69	1		
HAY, ALFALFA	6	5	35	45	9		
HAY, OTHER	9	9	36	41	5		
OATS	2	2	23	68	5		
PASTURE AND	6	10	42	36	6		
RANGE							
PEARS	12	7	6	75	0		
SOYBEANS	9	17	25	42	7		
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	22	56	19		

Item	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Avg.
BARLEY: HEADED	83	79	84	73
BARLEY:	29	25	19	11
HARVESTED				
CABBAGE:	9	5	12	14
HARVESTED				
CORN: SILKING	25	7	49	34
CORN AVERAGE	53	40	69	N/A
HEIGHT: (IN.)				
HAY, ALFALFA:	81	73	65	78
SECOND CUTTING				
HAY, ALFALFA:	12	<5	5	8
THIRD CUTTING				
HAY, OTHER:	77	72	59	53
SECOND CUTTING				
OATS: HARVESTED	25	12	14	22
ONIONS DRY:	11	6	11	10
HARVESTED				
POTATOES:	8	0	<5	11
HARVESTED				
SNAP BEANS:	97	93	92	97
PLANTED				
SNAP BEANS:	9	\$	10	12
HARVESTED				
SOYBEANS:	53	38	58	44
BLOOMING				
SOYBEANS:	30	9	31	16
SETTING PODS				
SWEET CORN:	16	6	18	16
HARVESTED				
WINTER WHEAT:	68	53	78	87
HARVESTED				
CHERRIES, SWEET:	80	58	65	77
HARVESTED				

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#### August 2, 2016 (Released Thursday August 4, 2016) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Statistics type: Tr	aditional Percent Area 🔹			Export table: 腕 💽		
Week	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current <u>2016-08-02</u>	40.84	59.16	27.28	11.01	0.00	0.00
Last Week 2016-07-26	34.19	65.81	29.09	10.10	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <u>2016-05-03</u>	62.87	37.13	3.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 2015-12-29	62.10	37.90	6.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 2015-09-29	42.41	57.59	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <u>2015-08-04</u>	90.22	9.78	2.34	0.00	0.00	0.00

Estimated Population in Drought Areas: 33,450,802

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#### Intensity:

**D0** (Abnormally Dry)

D1 (Moderate Drought)

D2 (Severe Drought)
D3 (Extreme Drought)

D4 (Exceptional Drought)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying <u>text summary</u> for forecast statements.