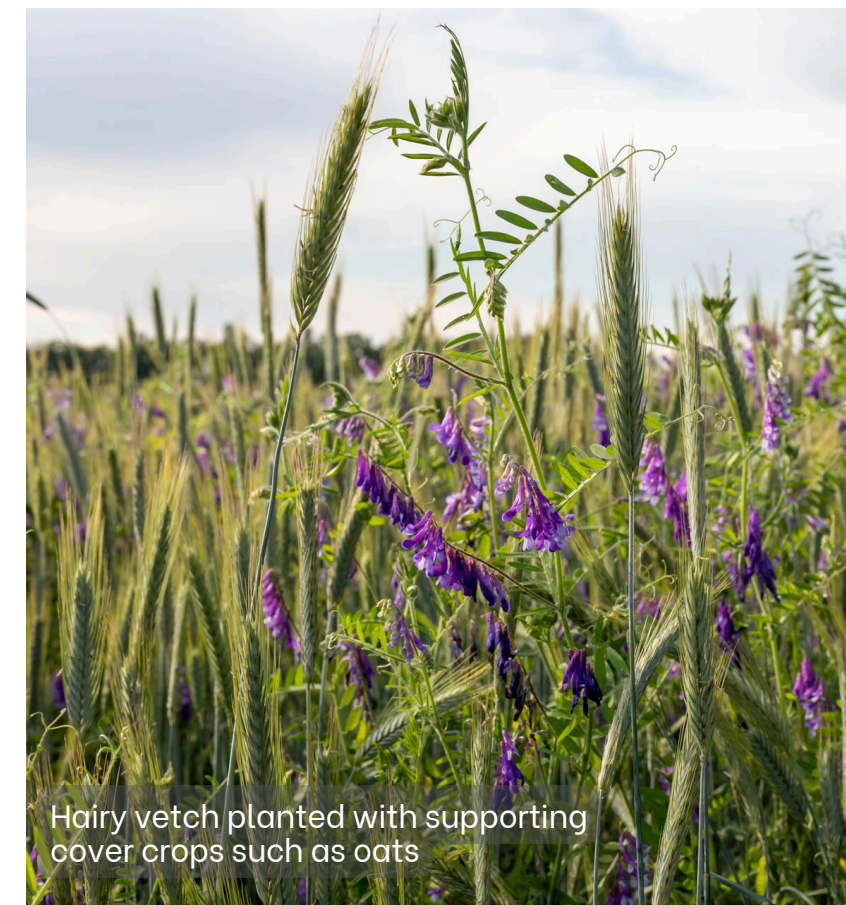


COVER CROP: HAIRY VETCH



Benefits:

Vetch is excellent at suppressing weeds!



Vetch can be planted with other cover crops such as oats to provide extra benefits

Vetch produces vibrant purple flowers that attract many beneficial pollinators



Vetch can have an allelopathic quality (which can slow plant growth) so it is best to cut and use as a green mulch or add to your compost pile after terminating

TIME LINE

SEPT - NOV PLANTING

Broadcast seed generously in the Fall for best results come Spring. Cover to protect from wildlife.

OCT - NOV ESTABLISHMENT

Fall-planted vetch will form a taproot and grow some foliage in the weeks before cold sets in.

DEC - FEB DORMANCY

Vetch will die back after frost, but should survive all but the coldest NYC winter. Seed that did not germinate will lie in wait, ready for spring.

MARCH - JUNE N-FIXATION

Vetch that survives the winter will grow quickly and dormant seed will germinate, providing an important source of Nitrogen in the soil.

MAY - JULY FLOWERING

Vetch will start producing flowers in Spring and can continue to bloom throughout summer.

SPRING-SUMMER TERMINATION

Vetch will need to be pulled out or cut back before planting other crops.

SUMMER - FALL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

Ungerminated vetch seed in the soil may grow and need to be managed throughout the season.



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