

# Cover Crop Sources



Crimson clover



Hairy vetch



Winter pea

Commonly used cover crop seeds are usually available at local seed suppliers and cooperatives. Local sources often have the best choices for your geographic area.



Wheat



Rye



Oat

Seed catalogs and internet web sites are also a great source of cover crop seeds. They can offer a wide variety of crops, many of which may not be available locally.



White clover



Buckwheat



Sorghum sudangrass

An excellent source of information about cover crops is the Sustainable Agriculture Network's *Managing Cover Crops Profitably 3rd Edition*. It is available for purchase or free download at [www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org). It includes a list of seed suppliers.

Pure live seed (PLS) rates for various cover crops.

Cover Crop	Drilled (lb/A)	Broadcast (lb/A)	Cover Crop	Drilled (lb/A)	Broadcast (lb/A)
Crimson Clover	15-18	22-30	Black Oat	50-70	–
Hairy Vetch	15-20	25-40	Buckwheat	50-60	90-100
Iron Clay Cowpea	40-50	80-100	Cereal Rye	60-120	90-160
Sunn Hemp	20-40	–	Mustard	5-12	10-15
Velvet Bean	20-40	–	Oat	80-110	110-140
White Clover	5-9	7-14	Radish	8-10	12-14
White Lupin	70-120	–	Sorghum-sudan	30-40	40-50
Winter Pea	60-90	90-100	Wheat	60-120	60-150
Persian Clover	5	5	Canola/Rapeseed	5-10	8-14

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The first step for purchasing cover crop seeds should be your local agricultural supplier, such as the local cooperative. Most common cover crops, such as cereal rye and crimson clover, are available through local sources. While becoming more common, some cover crop seeds, such as sunn hemp and black oats, can be harder to find. Here are a subset of suppliers in Alabama and surrounding areas, as well as online retailers, that offer some less common types:

## Suppliers in Alabama and Surrounding States

**Adams-Briscoe** – 325 E 2nd St, Jackson, GA 30233; (877) 775-7826; [www.abseed.com](http://www.abseed.com)

**Alabama Crop Improvement Assn.** 1090 S. Donahue Dr, Auburn, AL 36849; (334) 824-7400

**Petcher Seeds** – 1665 Carpenter's Cross, Fruitdale, AL 36539; (251) 827-6594; [www.petcherseeds.com](http://www.petcherseeds.com)

**Tucker Farm Center** – 98 Live Oak Street, Frisco City, AL 36445; (251) 267-3104

## Online Suppliers

**Ampac Seed Company** – Tangent, OR; (541) 928-1651; [www.ampacseed.com](http://www.ampacseed.com)

**Center Seeds** - Minster, OH; (855) 667-3943; [www.centerseeds.com](http://www.centerseeds.com)

**Cover Crop Solutions** – Robeson, PA; (800) 767-9441; [www.covercropsolutions.com](http://www.covercropsolutions.com)

**Green Cover Seeds** – Bladen, NE; (402) 469-6784; <https://smartstore.greencoverseed.com/>

**Johnny's Seeds** – Winslow, ME; (887) 564-6697; [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com)

**Kauffman Seeds** – Haven, KS; (800) 634-2836; [www.kauffmanseed.com](http://www.kauffmanseed.com)

**Peaceful Valley** – Grass Valley, CA; (888) 784-1722; [www.groworganic.com](http://www.groworganic.com)

**Seven Springs Farm** – Check, VA; (800) 540-9181; [www.7springsfarm.com](http://www.7springsfarm.com)

*Note: These are a subset of companies that sell cover crop seed across the United States. Mention of suppliers is solely for the purpose of providing specific information and does not imply recommendation or endorsement by the US Department of Agriculture.*



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