

SEEDING CROP FIELDS USING AIRPLANES



WHAT | Two low-flying planes will blanket 3,000 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 throughout the winter. In the spring, the lush cover crops will provide additional soil nitrogen, build organic matter and suppress weeds.

WHEN | Aerial seeding cover crops will occur between September 2nd through September 10th, weather permitting. Seeding may be delayed due to weather. Check our facebook page (@NJRCDC) for updates.

WHERE | Aerial seeding will occur in the following areas:
Warren County: Greenwich Township, Franklin Township, Mansfield Township, Harmony Township, White Township, Hope Township, and Blairstown Township
Hunterdon County: Alexandria Township, Bethlehem Township, Tewksbury Township, West Amwell Township, and Delaware Township, and Raritan Township
Morris County: Washington Township
Somerset County: Franklin Township

WHO | The aerial seeding cover crop program is managed by North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D), a regional nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting the agricultural community through conservation. You can learn more at www.northjerseyrcd.org or contact us at (908) 574-5368.

