*2017 Cover Crop Survey - Schoharie Valley Farms*
**October 19th 2017, 9:57 am MDT**

**Q1 - What is the main type of cash crop on your farm? (if growing more than one, please indicate within your circle a 1 for greatest acreage, 2 for second most and so on)**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Vegetable | 41.94% | 13 |
| 2 | Small Fruit | 6.45% | 2 |
| 3 | Dairy/Field Crops | 12.90% | 4 |
| 4 | Grain Corn | 6.45% | 2 |
| 5 | Small Grain | 9.68% | 3 |
| 6 | Other | 22.58% | 7 |
|  | Total | 100% | 31 |

Other

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| Other |
| no farm |
| pasture |
| tree fruit |
| beef/rotational grazing |
| garlic |
| garlic |
| 3 acres veg, 1/4 acre flowers |

**Q2 - Please indicate the size of your current farming operation?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 0-10 acres | 36.84% | 7 |
| 2 | 11-20 acres | 10.53% | 2 |
| 3 | 21-40 acres | 10.53% | 2 |
| 4 | 41-60 acres | 5.26% | 1 |
| 5 | 61-100 acres | 0.00% | 0 |
| 6 | over 100 acres | 36.84% | 7 |
| 7 | Click to write Choice 7 | 0.00% | 0 |
|  | Total | 100% | 19 |

**Q3 - How often would you say you cover crop?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Never | 25.00% | 5 |
| 2 | Every Year | 55.00% | 11 |
| 3 | When I get the chance | 20.00% | 4 |
|  | Total | 100% | 20 |

**Q4 - How often would you like to cover crop?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Never | 0.00% | 0 |
| 2 | Every Year | 88.89% | 16 |
| 3 | Every Other Year | 11.11% | 2 |
|  | Total | 100% | 18 |

**Q5 - What percentage of acreage mentioned in question 2 do you try to cover crop?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | All of it | 15.79% | 3 |
| 2 | Less than 50% | 57.89% | 11 |
| 3 | currently I don't cover crop | 26.32% | 5 |
|  | Total | 100% | 19 |

**Q6 - If you currently are cover cropping, which season do you plant most of your cover crop?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Fall | 31.82% | 7 |
| 2 | Spring | 9.09% | 2 |
| 3 | Summer | 13.64% | 3 |
| 4 | Whenever my crops come off | 31.82% | 7 |
| 5 | Whenever I have time | 13.64% | 3 |
|  | Total | 100% | 22 |

**Q7 - If you had to pick one reason why you don't cover crop what would it be?**



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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | No time | 16.00% | 4 |
| 2 | Too expensive | 12.00% | 3 |
| 3 | Don't have the right equipment | 24.00% | 6 |
| 4 | Not sure what to plant | 28.00% | 7 |
| 5 | Other | 20.00% | 5 |
|  | Total | 100% | 25 |

Other

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| Other |
| start up farm |
| not enough land to give to it |
| no till seeder - timing enough time in fall for cover crops to establish well |
| we harvest garlic in july & august - i would like more direction in how to cover crop in this system |
| wireworm issues in potatoes, white cabbage butterfly population big enough with more, Brassicas |

**Q8 - How satisfied were you with the information provided at this meeting?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Extremely satisfied | 77.27% | 17 |
| 2 | Satisfied | 18.18% | 4 |
| 3 | Disappointed | 4.55% | 1 |
| 4 | Very Disappointed | 0.00% | 0 |
|  | Total | 100% | 22 |

**Q9 - Which part of today’s meeting did you gain the most knowledge from?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Presentations | 30.77% | 8 |
| 2 | Tour of cover crop plots | 69.23% | 18 |
|  | Total | 100% | 26 |

**Q10 - From the information presented at this meeting what changes might you try:**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | A new type of cover crop seen here today | 50.00% | 13 |
| 2 | Continue cropping a single species | 7.69% | 2 |
| 3 | not change a thing | 0.00% | 0 |
| 4 | Grow a mix of species | 42.31% | 11 |
|  | Total | 100% | 26 |

**Q11 - Will you try to increase the amount of cover cropping on your farm based on some of today’s information?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Yes | 100.00% | 19 |
| 2 | No | 0.00% | 0 |
|  | Total | 100% | 19 |

**Q12 - Was there information missing that you would have liked to have seen? If so, what is it?**

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| Was there information missing that you would have liked to have seen? If s... |
| no |
| more for animal ag |
| mixes for different systems |
| using cover crops in organic min till systems (roll&crimp) |
| more on effects of compost tea on crops |
| sources of cheap seed |
| can you use these cover crops for grazing or early harvest forage? |
| more specific options (and reasoning) of cover crop mixes, when specifics were just mentioned off hand it wasnt helpful |
| radish, ryegrass |
| we need to connect with a cover crop specialist |
| more on cover crop plantings after fall crop, not just fall, summer timing and performance. more on actual feasibility of reducing (no) tillage of veggies- what research is being done, what current barriers are, which cover crops work with it? (emphasis is on reducing tillage in the workshop) |
| The perspective of a small organic veg operation would have useful |
| Tissue test to see which crop picked up micro's better |

**Q13 - Which cover crop(s) did you find the most interesting and would like to see more information on?**

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| Which cover crop(s) did you find the most interesting and would like to see... |
| tillage radish mix with grasses |
| cool season |
| ones that could be grazed |
| canolas, barley mixed with vetch |
| interseeding corn |
| soil pit, soil compaction probs |
| clover, rye, radish mixes |
| fall mixes where some crops are winter hardy & some are not. intercropping for more than just corn |
| Daikon radish, medium red clover - a cover crop needed for our garlic situation. Probably need more info on buckwheat |
| no till/ winter kill |
| More ideas on what the best cover crop mixes include |
| clovers |
| sweet clover/radish |

**Q14 - Was this meeting what you expected?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Yes | 100.00% | 22 |
| 2 | No | 0.00% | 0 |
|  | Total | 100% | 22 |

**Q15 - Would you attend a similar meeting in the future?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Yes | 100.00% | 22 |
| 2 | No | 0.00% | 0 |
|  | Total | 100% | 22 |

**Q16 - Did this meeting impact your operation at home?**



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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Yes | 56.25% | 18 |
| 2 | Maybe | 0.00% | 0 |
| 3 | No | 3.13% | 1 |
| 4 | Please explain | 40.63% | 13 |
|  | Total | 100% | 32 |

Please explain

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| Please explain |
| more soil heath considerations |
| work paid |
| meeting was even better than expected! |
| increase different varieties |
| i will use cover crops to break soil pan rather than subsoil |
| near mixes of cover crops to try |
| i now have slightly more info on which to bare my cover crop decisions at home |
| more likely to cover crop! |
| Recognize the need for a cover crop and was intrigued by the interseeding |
| Im an ag educator in CCE & want to do no till workshop with dairy in our area. EXCELLENT farmer panel! |
| encourage soil health practices |
| I will try to move from singe species cover crops to mixes and try interseeding |
| I think you could pay for a radish seeding by picking some of the crop for sale |