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| Table 1. Classification of cover crop niches based on nitrogen function and temporal growth pattern. Crops marked with an asterisk (\*) were grown in monoculture. |
| Temporal diversityFunctional diversity | Winter kill (WK) | Winter hardy (WH) |
| N fixing (NF) | \*Sunnhemp \*Soybean  | \*Red clover “Medium’\*Hairy vetch ‘Purple Bounty’ |
| N scavenging (NS) | \*Forage radish ‘Tillage radish’\*Oats ‘Viking’Sorghum sudangrassGerman foxtail millet | \*Cereal rye ‘Huron’\*Canola ‘Witchita’Italian rygrass ‘Green Spirit’Barley ‘SB151’ |