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Cover crop management varies depending on:

- weather
- soil conservation vs. crop establishment
- previous crop residue
- cover crop species
- cash crop
- equipment
- experience

Centre Co. Cooperator, June 7, 2016 (17 DAP)



Lancaster Co. Cooperator, May 27, 2016 (At Planting)



Rock Springs, May 19, 2016 (At Planting)



Key Points

- Start with soybeans
- Manage residue
- **Dry spring → kill cover early**
- Focus on achieving optimum planting depth
- Expect delayed emergence and maturity lag
- Nitrogen management is critical in corn, even following a legume
- Use IPM to manage pests