

Table 4. Cover crop cost: actual and net, 2017-2019.

Case	Cover system	Cost (\$/acre)		Change (%)
		Actual*	Net**	
1	Rye after soybean	22.05	-5.16	-123.4
2	Summer mix after wheat	44.09	24.55	-44.3
3	Red clover with wheat	58.80	59.42	1.1
4	Rye after corn	23.10	5.84	-74.7
5	Rye after corn	23.10	4.12	-82.2
6	Rye after soybean	23.10	25.82	11.8
7	Rye after corn	23.32	10.68	-54.2
8	Red clover with wheat	57.00	0.91	-98.4
9	Rye after corn	23.32	18.18	-22.0
10	Rye after corn	29.81	12.39	-58.4
11	Rye after soybean	26.69	41.86	56.8
12	Rye after soybean	24.53	35.66	45.4
13	Rye after corn	26.42	20.91	-20.8
14	Rye after corn	22.31	8.03	-64.0
	Mean:	30.55	18.80	-38.5
	Mean (less Case 1):			-31.1

*, includes seed, establishment, management, termination and interest.

** , a negative value indicates no net cost, rather a positive return to cover crop investment.
Reflects the difference between actual cover crop cost and net return to cover crop based on yield response.