

Poudre Valley



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Winter Rye



Excellent winter cover crop

*Great for green manure for
your garden*

Winter rye is an excellent winter cover crop because it rapidly produces a ground cover that holds soil in place against the forces of wind and water. Rye's deep roots help prevent compaction in annually tilled fields, and because its roots are quite extensive, rye also has a positive effect on soil tilth. When sown in late fall, around the time of the first light frost, winter rye is still able to put on just enough growth to provide some protection against soil erosion over the winter. High seeding rates should be used for late-sown winter covers to assure a decent amount of ground cover, since individual plants will be small.

Seeding rate: 50 lbs per acre
Seeding depth: 1 inch

Green Manure for gardens

If you've already cleaned out your garden, consider growing green manure. Green manure cover crops give you an easy way to build up your garden's soil without hauling around truckloads of organic matter. One of the most popular "green manure" cover crops is **Winter rye**. It's inexpensive when compared to large volumes of organic matter. It also grows very quickly, making it a good choice for early fall use. Let it grow until it's time to turn the garden over at planting time the following spring.

Seeding rate: 1 lb per 100 sq. Ft.
Seeding depth: 1 inch