



Over winter crop options

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Item Code	Description	Indicative Item Cost
NFM03	Catch / Cover cropping	£120/ha
NFM04	Under sowing Maize	£87/ha

The table above details the over winter crop options available through the NFM Reverse Auction.

Objective: Establishing a cover crop during fallow periods improves infiltration rates by increasing root mass, reduces nutrient leaching during the autumn/winter and provides soil protection from wind and rain erosion.

Please take into account crops rotations when sowing cover crops. Cover crops can potentially lead to an increase in slug populations depending on weather and soil conditions.

Specifications:

- The cover crops must be established annually by 15th September.
- Under sowing of maize should take place in the month following drilling.
- Selected crop must give good ground cover.
- The crop must remain in situ from the date of sowing until at least the 31st January.
- Grazing of cover crops in surface water catchments is permitted but not until after 31st January.
- Ploughing is not permitted to establish the cover crops, the use of light cultivation techniques is recommended.
- It is recommended you discuss this option with an agronomist.
- Any crop sown created for Ecological Focus Area (EFA, CAP greening criteria) cannot be claimed through the Reverse Auction. Likewise any cover crops funded through Countryside Stewardship SW6 Option cannot receive double funding from the CGS.
- Cover crop mixes could include species such as Mustard, Oil Radish, Phacelia, Oats, Vetch.

The location of the area selected for cover crops or under sowing must be clearly marked on a map submitted with your application.

Please see page 8 of the following guide for further information:

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