Cover Crops 101
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April 17, 2012
No Cover Crop
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Cost to Seed Cover Crop
Oats and Radish

2 bushel oats @ $4.80/bu        $ 9.60
5# Tillage Radish @ $2.90/lb    $14.50
Aerial Seeding @ $17/acre       $17.00
TOTAL COST PER ACRE             $41.10
September 24, 2012
Seeded August 22, 2012
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October 1, 2012
Cost to Seed Cover Crop
Cereal Rye

1 ½ bu Rye @ $15/bu        $22.50
Aerial Seeding @ $17/acre    $17.00

TOTAL COST PER ACRE        $39.50
Corn Planter
Soybean planter Residue remover
Yetter Sharktooth
Martin Residue Remover
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Cost: $39.50 - $41.10

Benefit: Soil organic matter ↑
Soil erosion ↓
Soil tilth ↑
PRICELESS!!!