

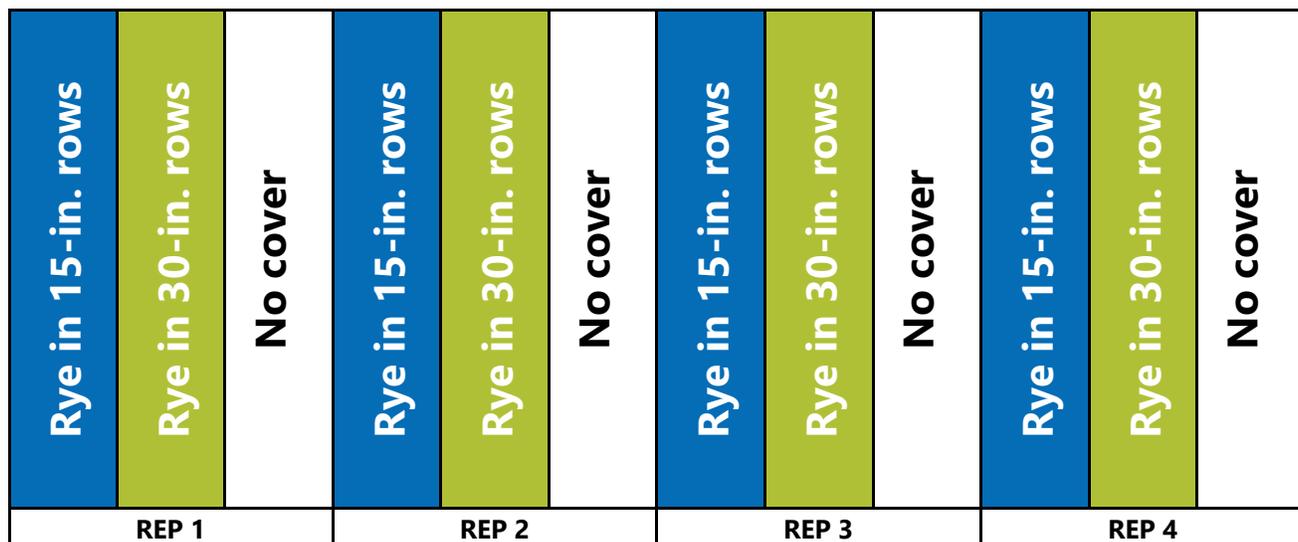
# Field Crops Research Protocols

## Corn Following Cover Crop Planted in 15- vs. 30-in. Rows

**Objective:** Determine if planting cereal rye cover crop in wide rows is a successful strategy for preceding corn with a cover crop.

**Farmer-cooperator will:**

- Take photos throughout the project and keep in contact with PFI with updates and questions.
- **Fall 2017**, establish at least 4 replications as shown in the diagram below.
  - **Plant cereal rye cover crop in 15-in. rows.**
  - **Plant cereal rye cover crop in 30-in. rows.**
  - **No cover check strip.**
- Strips will be as wide as at least one combine pass and run the length of the field.
- **Spring 2018**, Collect aboveground biomass samples of cover crop from strips just prior to termination.
- Plant corn to all strips on the same day.
- Allow Dr. Alison Robertson’s team to sample corn seedlings for disease prevalence.
- **Summer 2018**, work with Theo Gunther at Iowa Soybean Association to coordinate soil sampling.
- Allow Dr. Robertson’s team to sample mature corn plants for stalk disease prevalence.
- **Fall 2018**, harvest corn from strips individually.
- Turn in all info and data pertinent to this trial to Practical Farmers of Iowa by the end of the project.



**Practical Farmers of Iowa will:**

- Help coordinate with Dr. Robertson (ISU) and Theo Gunther (ISA).
- Help set up monitoring protocol, monitor progress of project and provide support when needed.
- Publish results in a PFI research report, on PFI website and potentially other outlets.
- Provide \$550 compensation when yield data is submitted at conclusion of the project in 2018.

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