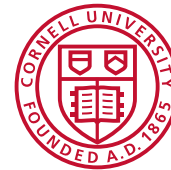
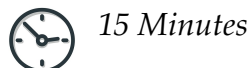


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Cornell Garden-Based Learning



Cover Crop Scavenger Hunt Activity



15 Minutes

Learning Objective(s):

- Participants will practice using Cornell's Cover Crop Guide and become familiar with cover crop management practices.

Supplies:

Handouts:

Materials:

- Laptop, tablet or smartphone with internet access for each pair or small group
- Index cards
- An assigned cover crop for each group, each written on a separate index card:
 - Annual Ryegrass
 - Field Peas
 - Oats
 - Arugula
 - Fall Mustard
 - Feel free to add additional cover crops from the database

Instructions:

As you now know, Cornell has a web-based cover crop tool (<http://covercrops.cals.cornell.edu/>) designed to help growers identify the cover crop that suits their needs. This activity is designed to help participants grow acquainted with the cover crop tool.

Break into pairs or small groups. Each group will be given an index card that has their cover crop to investigate. Each group should answer the questions, below, based on their assigned cover crop. Once each small group is finished, they will share their findings with the full group.

1. In general, what are 2-3 reasons that a grower might use a cover crop?
2. What is one management goal that your cover crop helps growers achieve?

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3. When is it best to plant your cover crop?

4. Is there any special maintenance for your cover crop?

5. What is one fun fact or tip about your cover crop?

Notes:

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