

# Fall Grazing Cover Crops Tours



Establishing cover crops following grain production is a proven tool to protect soil, reduce erosion, improve water quality and enhance soil health. It also provides opportunities to extend the grazing season; one month of extended grazing can reduce the cost of production in the cow herd more than 5%. But, fall grazing cover crops has more challenges due to weather risk. The window for fall growth and grazing may be more limited than in the spring due to the timing of grain harvest, seeding method, species selection and available nutrients — all coupled with weather.

## Tour Details

### November 30 — Bus Provided

10-10:15 a.m. — ISU Western Research & Demonstration Farm  
36515 Hwy E34, Castana IA 51010

10:15-10:30 a.m. — Move to Aaron Erickson

10:30-11:15 a.m. — Aaron Erickson  
30524 205th St., Castana IA 51010

11:15 –11:30 a.m. — Move to Beau Hanson

11:30-12:15 p.m. — Beau Hanson  
18583 Peach Ave., Castana IA 51010

12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m. — Lunch at ISU Farm

1:00-2:30 p.m. — ISU Farm Tour and topics

Registration fee: \$5 for meal — payable at lunch

Preregister with: Keith Baker, ISU Extension Monona County  
712-423-2175 or [kwbaker@iastate.edu](mailto:kwbaker@iastate.edu)

***Dress for winter and being outdoors!***

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## All Cover Crop Tours & Contacts

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*December 5—Dyersville*

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**Preregister by Nov. 28**

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