

# 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 26 — Bus Provided

12:30pm - Leave Holiday Inn - Des Moines Airport  
1:00pm-1:30pm - Sutter Family Farms (homemade seeder, using swine manure to enhance cover crop yield)  
1:30pm-2:00pm - PAW Livestock (cows on rye behind short season soybeans)  
2:30pm-3:00pm - Red Rock Cattle Company cover crop cocktail mixes  
3:30pm-4:00pm - cover crop test plot near Prairie City  
5:00pm - Return to Holiday Inn

Register at IFGC website <http://iowaforage.org/>

*Dress for winter and being outdoors!*

## All Cover Crop Tours & Contacts

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