

SEEDING CROP FIELDS USING AIRPLANES



WHAT

Low-flying planes will drop "cover crop" seeds - a non-GMO mixture of grass and clover seeds - on over 2,000 acres of cropland in Northern and Central New Jersey.

WHY

Instead of leaving farm fields bare over the winter, farmers will grow a mix of plants that keep soils covered until they plant in the spring. By planting cover crops, farmers are preventing erosion during the winter, sequestering carbon, protecting water quality, and enhancing soil health.

WHEN

Seeding will occur between September 1st through September 14th. Exact dates are weather dependent. Check our facebook page (@NJRCDC) for updates.

WHERE

In 2021, Aerial seeding will occur on farm fields in the following areas:

Warren County: Franklin Township, Mansfield Township, Harmony Township, White Township, and Hope Township.

Hunterdon County: Clinton Township, Tewksbury Township, and Bethlehem Township.

Morris County: Washington Township

Somerset County: Franklin Township

Mercer County: Hopewell Township

WHO

The aerial seeding cover crop program is managed by North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D), a regional nonprofit organization, in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). You can learn more online at www.northjerseyrcd.org or contact us at (908) 574-5368.

