

# Cashton Farm Supply NEWS – August 2019

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### **Cover Crop Planting**

Cashton Farm Supply has a variety of cover crop seed in stock. Cover Crops can add/recycle nutrients, improve soil quality, suppress weeds, and in some cases can add a grazing or grain crop to your rotation. We have the following cover crops:

| Стор                         | Planting   | Use  | Rate                                     |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Org Annual Ryegrass          | June-Sept  | Biomass cover, grazing, hay.   | 30 lbs acre. 10-<br>15 lbs in a mix      |
| Org Hairy Vetch              | July - September. Best after<br>July 15th and before September<br>1st. | Nitrogen fixing cover.   | 20-30 lbs per acre                       |
| Org Mammoth Red<br>Clover    | Early Spring thru Augusts 31st   | Nitrogen Fixing. Clover for plowdown/tilling in. Won't grow higher than it is cut. Avoid droughty soils. For lighter dryer soils choose yellow blossom.                    | 8-12 lbs acre. 3 lbs in mix              |
| Organic Medium Red<br>Clover | Spring-Aug 30  | Grazing, Nitrogen fixing cover. (don't cut after sept 1 if overwintering).   | 12 lbs acre. 3 lbs in mix                |
| Berseem Clover               | May thru August  | Fast growing. Nitrogen fixer green manure.   | 12-15 lbs                                |
| Org Yellow Blossom<br>Clover | Spring-Aug 30  | Plowdown nitrogen fixer for lighter sandy soil. Winter hardy with good biomass production.   | 8-12 lbs                                 |
| Org Alsike Clover            | Spring-Aug 30  | Non-Spreading grazing clover. Winter hardy. Can cause bloat.   | 6-10 lbs acre. 1-3 in a mix              |
| Org Ladino White<br>Clover   | Spring-Aug 30  | Max nitrogen fixer. Good for grazing. Can cause bloat.   | 6-8 lbs acre. 1-2 in a mix               |
| Org Fall/Winter Rye          | Sept- October. Best between<br>August 15 and September 15              | Winter cover/smoother crop. Produces fine roots and tall straw biomass.  | 150 lbs per acre<br>for smoother<br>crop |
| Org Tap Master Radish        | August -Sept   | Nutrient scavenger + Loosens soil. Grows fast, will smoother other crops at high seeding rates.  | 2-6 lbs per acre.<br>1 lbs in mix        |
|                              |  | Mammoth, yellow blossom, alfalfa, alsike clover blend.<br>Excellent nitrogen fixing and biomass production. Fits<br>any soil. Positions ground well for corn the following | 50-75 lbs per                            |
| Org Plowdown Blend           | July -Sept   | year.  | acre                                     |

Please call ahead and place an order to ensure availability

#### Fly Control on the Farm

Fly control on the farm is an integral part of every operation. Flies spread disease and filth. Reducing the fly population is also necessary for your comfort and to avoid causing a nuisance to neighbors. In Organic production, most conventional sprays are prohibited. CFS has the following options available:

♦ Pyganic

♦ Fly Tape

♦ Fly Traps

♦ Diatomaceous Earth

Make sure to work with your certifier to find a method that is effective and compliant with your Organic plan.

### **Organic Grain Receiving Guidelines**

- A copy of your current organic certificate must be on file prior to unloading grain.
- GMO testing will be completed on every load of corn and soybeans.
- Testing for vomotoxin will be completed on every load of barley, rye, and wheat.
- No Off-grade grains will be accepted (i.e. moldy, sour, mixed grains).
- Every load will require a complete "Clean Truck Affidavit." We have copies in our office if you need one.
- If you have any questions please call the office in advance.



#### **Fun Facts**

- Birthstones: peridot, sardonyx, and spinel.
- Its birth flower is the gladiolus or poppy, meaning beauty, strength of character, love, marriage and family.
- The Western zodiac signs for the month of August are Leo (until August 22) and Virgo (from August 23 onwards).

"Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted." -David Bly

## Featured Recipe Chocolate Zucchini Cake

Use zucchini from your garden to make this delicious treat!

Cake: 1 t baking soda

½ c. soft butter ½ t cinnamon ½ c. oil ½ t cloves

1 3/4 c. sugar 2 c. diced or grated zucchini

2 eggs

1 t. vanilla Topping: ½ c. sour milk or buttermilk

½ c chocolate chips

2 ½ c. flour ½ c nuts

1/4 c brown sugar 4 T. cocoa ½ t. baking powder

Mix cake ingredients together and spread in 9x13 pan. Mix topping ingredients together and sprinkle on top of cake. Bake at 325 for 40 to 45 minutes.