

Western Illinois University's Allison Organic Research and Demonstration Farm

Summary report of rye as a cover crop prior to 2003 organic soybeans

By Dr. Gerald Vigue (Project Supervisor) and
Mr. Andrew Clayton (Research Associate)

Winter rye was grown at the Allison Farm with

There were also smaller portions of the fields that had soybeans drilled on 6/17/03 at a rate of 233,000/ acre. They were drilled in all three fertility sections for comparisons. Strips of these sections were rotary hoed, while the rest was not to see if the rotary hoe would make a difference. Rotary hoeing some of the drilled beans may have made a difference for a few weeks, but did not seem to have a significant benefit by the end of the season.