**Hairy Vetch**

**Plant Characteristics**: Upright annual that grows up to 3 to 7 feet tall. Purple colored flowers.

**Emergence time**: 14 days

**Min. germination soil temp**: 60oF

**Annual or Perennial:** Annual

**Salinity Tolerant:** pH 5.5 – 7.5

**Tolerances:** Drought and shade

**Cool or Warm season:** Warm (mid-May to early August planting)

The following goals for this species are ranked 0-4, 0=Poor, 1=Fair, 2=Good, 3=Very Good, 4=Excellent.

**Nitrogen Source**: 4

**Nitrogen Scavenger**: 1

**Soil Builder**: 3

**Erosion Fighter**: 2

**Lasting Residue**: 1

**Weed Fighter**: 3

**Grazing**: 0

**Forage Harvest Value**: 1

**Recommended Seeding Dates**: April - October

**Planting Depth**: ½ - 1 ½ inch

**Min. Seeding Rate (incorporated)**: 15 lbs./ac PLS

**Min. Seeding Rate (non-incorporated)**: 22 lbs./ac PLS

**Termination Options**: Till and then apply herbicide

**Other notes**: Provides good weed suppression

**Resources**:

*Midwest Cover Crops Field Guide*-Midwest Cover Crop Council

*Managing Cover Crops Profitably*-Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Green Cover Seed-Soil Health



