

Cover Crop Blends

Why Plant a Cover Crop Blend?

Each plant group - legumes, grasses and broad leaves - perform a specific function in the soil and for each other. On their own, each of these plant groups only have marginal benefits. **Seeding them together (in the right proportions) allows them to alter soil conditions to properly support the cash crop by sharing nutrients and offering support to each other.**

What Can I Use Cover Crops For?

Cover crop outcomes:

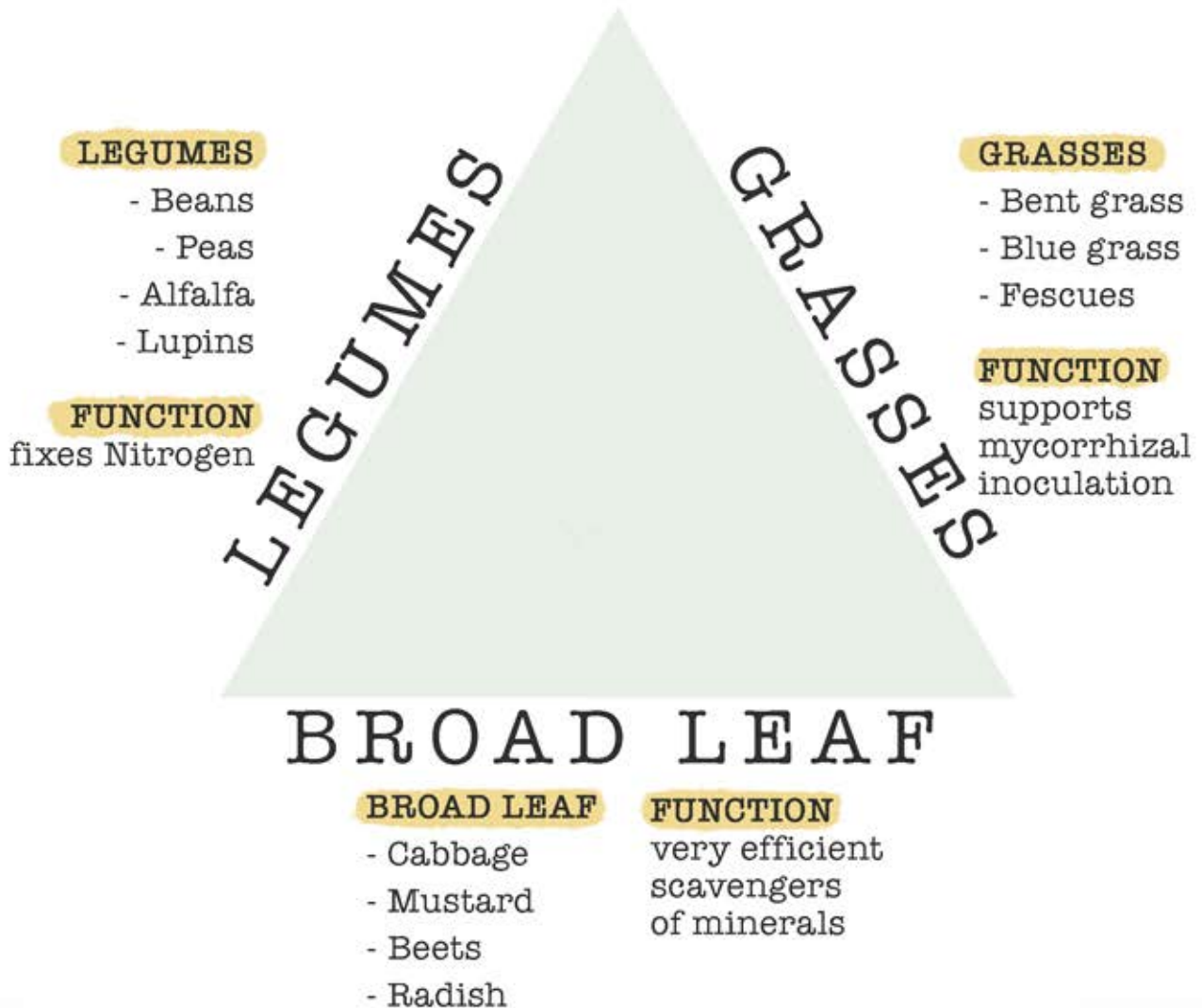
- Suppress weeds
- Build soils
- Break up hardpan in your soil
- Fix nitrogen
- Attract beneficial insects
- Scavange for minerals

and more



Cover Crop Triangle

Use this tool to create a cover crop blend! First, decide on a cover crop outcome (see Page 1). Then select a plant from each group that will help accomplish this goal. Follow this up by researching appropriate planting proportions (i.e. 80% legumes, 15% grass, 5% broad leaf).



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How to Get the Right Proportions?

There is no universal formula for the perfect cover crop blend. But each desired outcome for your cash crop has an ideal ratio. Doing your research to identify the right mix will make all the difference for accomplishing your goal. Take a look at some of these examples...

Examples



5% Broad Leaf



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