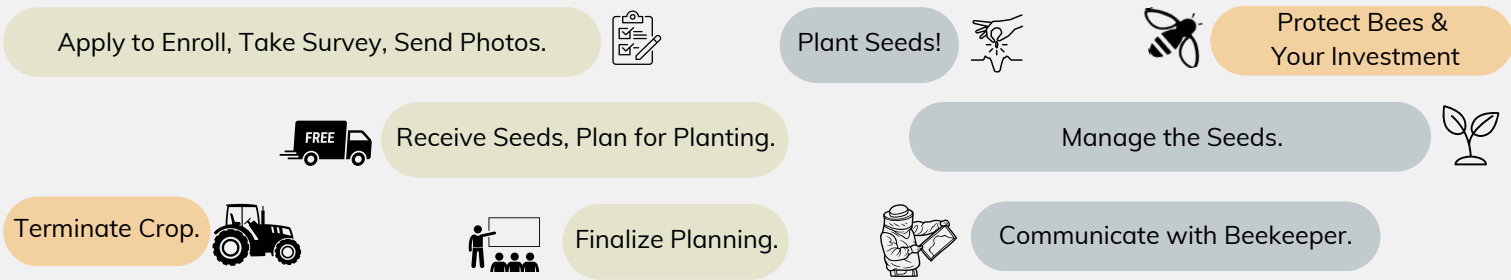










Cover Crop Quick Guide

APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR



| | Timing | Action | Advice | Resources |
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|  | Apr 1-Aug 31 | Apply to Enroll, Take Survey, Send Photos | Applications due before harvest! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with SFB, complete mandatory survey, and send verification photos | projectapism.org/apply-to-enroll.html |
|  | Jun-Sep | Receive Seed, Begin Planning for Planting | Receive Seed (pickup & shipping available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin planning: consider location, tools and assistance needed. | SFB Planting Mix Guide ABC Cover Crop BMPs SFB Consultation |
|  | Sep | Finalize Planting Plan | Finalize plan for planting: Prep ground, gather equipment, and reach out for technical assistance | SFB Planting Mix Guide ABC Cover Crop BMPs , pgs. 9-10 |
|  | Oct | Plant the Seed | Seed planted in October germinates best, blooms before almonds, aiding bee health and productivity during almond bloom | SFB Planting Mix Guide ABC Cover Crop BMPs , pgs. 9-10 |
|  | Nov 1-Feb 15 | Manage the Seed | Critical time for grower oversight. Good germination/stand depend on good planting, water, and attention to detail. | SFB Planting Mix Guide ABC Cover Crop BMPs , pgs. 9-10 |
|  | Nov-Feb | Communicate With Your Beekeeper | Consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained pollination contract? • Is beekeeper offering SFB discount? • Clean water for bees? • Process to communicate pesticides? | ABC Honey Bee BMPs Pesticide Information Water for Bees Pollination Contract |
|  | Jan-Mar | Protect the Bees and Your Investment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: cover crop blooming before during, and after almond bloom. • Read/implement BMPs for honey bees when applying crop protection products. | ABC Honey Bee BMPs ABC applicator quick guide BMPs Water for Bees |
|  | April | Terminate the Cover Crop | Consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial honeybees removed? • Herbicide or pesticide sprays? • Irrigation? If yes to any above terminate. | ABC Cover Crop BMPs , pgs. 14-16 |

For links and resources visit: ProjectApism.org/seeds-for-bees-resources

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