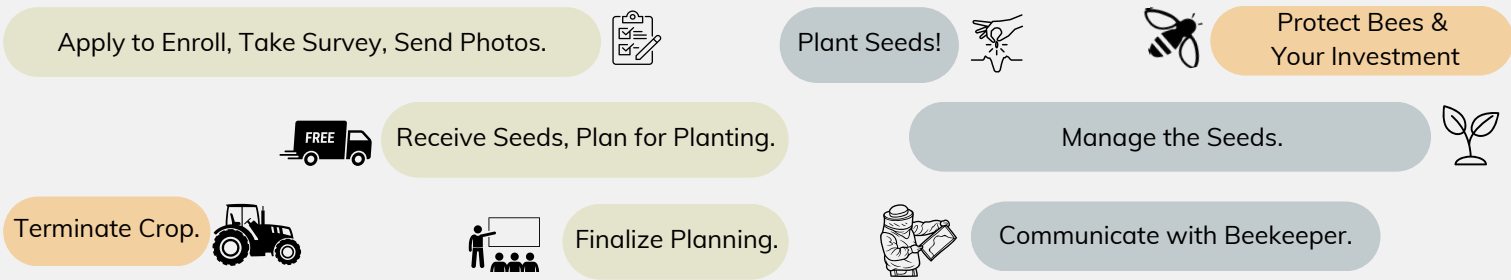










Cover Crop Quick Guide

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



	Timing	Action	Advice	Resources
	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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