Cover Crop for Orchards Guide

A guide to cover crops in orchards. Growers use it to plan species, seeding, and management for soil health, weed control, and habitat. Use a fresh copy each season and keep old ones for comparison.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Set goals for the cover crop
2. Choose species for the goal
3. Plan seeding time and method
4. Prepare the orchard floor
5. Manage mowing or termination
6. Watch for pests and competition
7. Check water needs of trees
8. Record results by block

YOUR NOTES

TIP Ask extension and NRCS about species and seeding that suit your orchard and soils.