



**Hairy Vetch**  
**Cover Crop**  
Vicia villosa

**SEED RATE:** Sow at  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb per 250 sq. ft. In North, sow spring or fall. In South, sow in the fall only.

**SOIL PREPARATION:** Till or cultivate soil and prepare as for any other seedbed. Top inch of soil should be finely worked.

**HOW TO SOW SEED:** Use a hand broadcaster or a cyclone type spreader. Try to avoid over seeding—according to seed rate recommendations, seed sown too thickly will compete against itself and will not produce as much top growth. Use a leaf rake to scratch seed gently into top  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of soil. Water well. If rain is scarce, water seed bed gently and frequently; keep moist until seed has sprouted and established itself.

**WHY COVER CROPS:** Turning cover crops under with a spade, rototiller or plow adds to humus content of soil and promotes essential soil life. Cover crops should be turned under several weeks before the area is planted with crops in order to allow for sufficient decomposition.

**Net Weight: 1/2 lb.**  
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