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*Calhoun-Cass-Greene-Morgan-Scott Unit*  
**Extension Snapshot August 2020**  
**Insects and Cover Crop Study**

Unit educators Ken Johnson and Duane Friend participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a two year statewide study on cover crops and insects during the spring of 2020.



Ken and Duane obtained insect samples from several cover crop and non-cover crop plots within the unit. These samples were delivered to state Extension Entomologist Nick Seiter for identification and reporting. Once all the statewide samples have been examined, Dr. Seiter will provide a report on the types of insects present, whether cover crops harbor beneficial or harmful insects, and provide recommendations in terms of insect scouting and termination timing of cover crops.

It is currently recommended to terminate cover crops a week or two ahead of planting to not allow a “green bridge” for insects.

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