

May 2019 Cover Crop Insect Study



Working with Dr. Nick Seiter, Extension Entomologist in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Crop Sciences Department, Unit Educators Ken Johnson and Duane Friend are part of an Extension group that is conducting field studies of insect populations in cover crops.



Through an ACES grant, the study is examining multiple locations state wide to determine species and numbers of insects in cover crops, compared to fields with no cover crops. The study hopes to determine if there are insects detrimental to cover crops, or if the insects present will affect crops once they are planted.

Insect traps include sticky traps, pitfall traps, shingle traps and pheromone traps, along with sweep netting.

This spring is the beginning of the two year study. Results of the study will be discussed at crop meetings, webinars, and other Extension outlets.

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