## Planting into Green Study



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### Study design

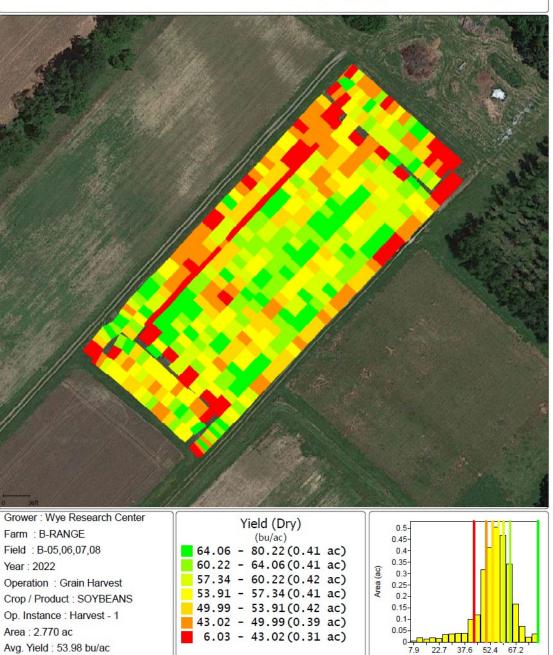
- 5 different varieties/mixes
- Most qualified for Maryland cover crop program

~526' long field 50' turn rows, 142' length replicates				
	~175.3' long strips			
	turnip	Awned wheat	rape	4 passes with 9.3' drill = 37.2'
	Winter pea / awned wheat	Winter pea / <u>awned</u> wheat	Crimson clover/ awned wheat	~214' wide field 5 * 37.2' wide = 186' total. Leaves 28' extra so leave 7' gaps between treatments.
	rape	rape	turnip	
	Crimson clover/ awned wheat	Crimson clover/ <u>awned</u> wheat	Awned wheat	
	Awned wheat	turnip	Winter pea/ <u>awned</u> wheat	
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# Soybean harvest results inconclusive

- Due to planting limitations, cover crops senesced before planting.
- Planting was not into green cover crops limiting efficacy
- Harvesting equipment did not capture any variation
- Nitrogen-fixing or other effects of cover crops were not noticeable in harvest data

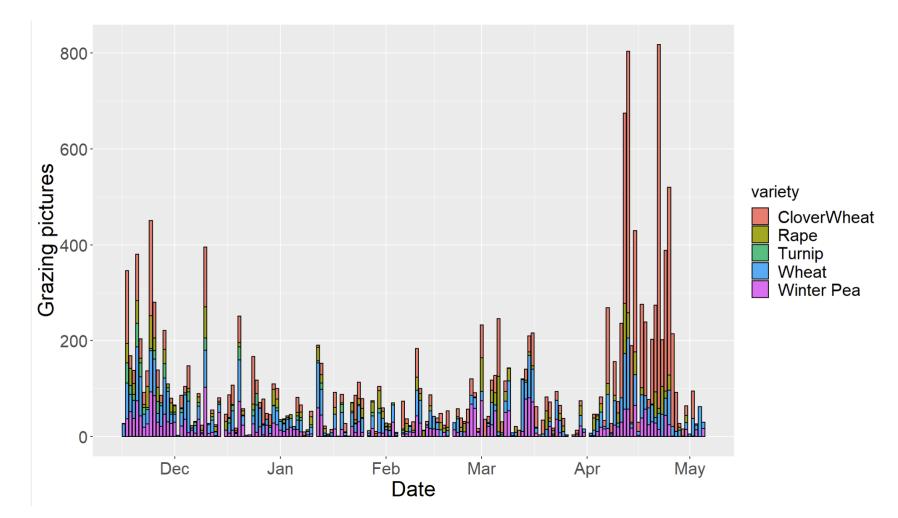
Grain Harvest 2022 - B-05,06,07,08(SOYBEANS)



Avg. Moisture : 12.04 %

#### Deer activity results

- Deer activity highest in clover/wheat plots in April when rapid growth in clovers occurred
- Likely due to great biomass production and presence of high protein crimson clover.



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