

# WHICH COVER CROPS CAN HELP SUPPRESS POPULATIONS OF SCN?

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# ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF COVER CROPS ON SCN POPULATIONS IN FIELD CONDITIONS

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#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

This project is using 13 established cover crop fields throughout Illinois to determine how different types of cover crops affect soybean cyst nematode (SCN) populations. Insights will be used to provide the state's soybean farmers with improved management recommendations.

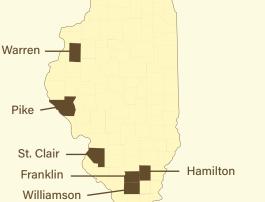
### WHY THIS RESEARCH IS IMPORTANT

(1) There are numerous types of cover crops that could fit into cropping systems across the diverse Illinois landscape. However, little is known about how the various species and varieties of cover crops influence population densities of SCN.

### **HOW THIS RESEARCH BENEFITS THE FARMER**

Farmers who experience heavy or difficult-to-manage SCN populations can incorporate cover crops in their management practices. Researchers also hope to identify which soil microbes are linked to SCN suppression as another management option.





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Contact the ISA agronomy team: agronomy-team@ilsoy.org.



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