

Black Oats

SoilSaver- *Avena strigosa*



Ideal Green Manure Crop for Hawaii

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- Long life cycle
- Very rust resistant
- Can also be used as cover and forage crop

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Is a tropical and sub-tropical annual cereal enjoying enormous popularity as a cover crop in conservation-tilled soybean in Brazil. Black oats produces large amounts of biomass, has allelopathic properties similar to common oats (can suppress weeds and crops for a few weeks), is somewhat resistant to root-knot nematode (*Meloidogyne javanica*), and is very rust resistant. It can also serve as a forage crop. Low-elevation field plantings in Waimanalo (both broadcast and drilled in rows) showed excellent crop uniformity and stand establishment, vigorous growth, and local adaptability. The only cultivar currently available in the USA is 'SoilSaver', which is a joint release between Auburn University and IAPAR (Institute of Agronomy of Parana, Brazil).

Seeding Rate: Cover Crop: 50-90 lbs per Acre

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