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WILL WINTER RYE GERMINATE ON AN ICE CUBE?

There's an old adage you may have heard that **Winter Rye will germinate on an ice cube**. While we haven't tested this theory (yet), there is plenty of input from industry experts on Winter Rye's ability to be planted late in the season. With the challenges we've seen this spring leading to later harvests across the country, our team has received questions recently around how late one can successfully establish Winter Rye.

Feel free to [View this Article](#) for SARE's (Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education) perspective on the topic (pertinent sections are highlighted).

Additionally, below is a quote from Betsy Bower, Ceres Solutions agronomist, directed to Indiana cover croppers through Indiana Prairie Farmer Magazine (There's Still Time to Seed Cereal Rye, September 5, 2018).

“You can seed cereal [winter] rye rather late. Since it's a cool-season grass, it will germinate and grow at cool temperatures. I've seen it planted around Thanksgiving and germinate during a warm spell in January. Is it necessarily recommended to plant that late? No, but you certainly could plant until mid- to late November.... If the forecast for November is still warm for a few weeks, go ahead and seed. Even if you don't get full benefits by planting late, you'll start your journey on improved soil health just by having another crop other than corn or soybeans.”

For the full article, [click here](#).

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