

Buckwheat

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fagopyrum esculentum

As a cover crop

1. **Quick Growth:** Buckwheat is known for its rapid germination and quick growth. It establishes a dense canopy in a relatively short period, which helps in suppressing weeds by shading them out.
2. **Weed Suppression:** The fast growth and dense foliage of buckwheat outcompete weeds for sunlight, reducing weed pressure in the field. This is particularly useful during the summer months.
3. **Soil Improvement:** Buckwheat has a fibrous root system that helps improve soil structure. The roots

break up compacted soil layers, enhancing water infiltration and aeration. As buckwheat decomposes, it adds organic matter to the soil, contributing to soil fertility.

4. Phosphorus Uptake: Buckwheat has the ability to mobilize and take up phosphorus from the soil. This is especially beneficial in soils with low phosphorus availability. When the buckwheat biomass is incorporated into the soil, it releases phosphorus, making it more accessible to subsequent crops.
5. Attracting Beneficial Insects: Buckwheat flowers attract a variety of beneficial insects, including pollinators and predatory insects that feed on pest species. This can contribute to natural pest control in the agricultural ecosystem.
6. Nematode Suppression: Some studies suggest that buckwheat may have allelopathic effects on certain nematodes, potentially suppressing their populations in the soil.
7. Cover Crop Mixtures: Buckwheat is sometimes included in cover crop mixtures with other species to provide a combination of benefits. For example, it may be combined with [legumes](#) to enhance nitrogen fixation.
8. Green Manure: Like rye, buckwheat can be turned into the soil as green manure before it reaches full maturity. This adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil, improving its overall health.
9. Crop Rotation: Including buckwheat in a crop rotation plan helps break disease and pest cycles. It diversifies the crops in the rotation, reducing the risk of specific pests and diseases that may target a particular crop.

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most buckwheat consumption per capita

Alcohol

noodles

soba noodles

bread

buckwheat bread buckwheat crepes buckwheat pancakes buckwheat waffles buckwheat grissini

others

Green Pea Buckwheat Risotto buckwheat bowl buckwheat granola bars buckwheat patties buckwheat chilly
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deserts

buckwheat muffins buckwheat cake buckwheat brownies buckwheat cookies buckwheat crumble

Keeps in the cupboard

Unopened, **2 months**.

As sold	Unopened, in the cupboard	Once opened
whole grain	2 months	—

Counted from the date on the package. Figures are the **USDA FSIS FoodKeeper** table's, for unopened storage at room temperature; FoodKeeper counts a month as 30 days.

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