



MGA 2022 PHOTO COMPETITION



For the last couple of years, the MGA has run a photo competition over winter for the best cover or undersown crop picture and story of a field destined for maize the following year. This year the message is equally as important as we see many harvesters running into October. Whilst it may seem more of a challenge to drill as the conditions deteriorate into late Autumn/Winter, we hope that many of you will already have undersown your crops or will have successfully harvested your maize and planted a cover crop before the fields become too wet to travel.

Criteria

- A photo of an undersown (at time of drilling or later) or post-harvest cover crop sown in 2021, in a field destined for maize in 2022
- A short description that explains why you have chosen to sow this crop, perhaps due to financial savings in previous years from reduced fertiliser requirements, better travelling of fields, environmental benefits of not leaving your soil bare, or perhaps to improve your soil organic matter
- Please include cultivations, date of maize harvest, date of undersown/cover crop drilling, type of cover crop, seed rate, and plans for the fate of the cover crop



Photos from 2021 joint winners, Tom Land of LANDWRX, and Richard Martin, dairy

farmer in Cornwall. Tom's picture collage shows a plate meter reading of 3030kg DM/ha in an undersown IRG crop which had no effect on the maize yield but went on to feed sheep over winter. Richard's photo shows a successfully broadcasted mustard cover crop after maize which retained soil and nutrient in the field and cost very little to sow.

**DEADLINE: *FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY*
2022**

Please email photos and descriptions to
info@maizegrowersassociation.co.uk

OR

Tag us in your entry on Twitter using
[@maizegrowers](https://twitter.com/maizegrowers) and mentioning the 2022
photo competition.

(Please note that, by entering the photo, you
are giving the MGA permission to use it for
publicity purposes)



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