



MGA 2021 PHOTO COMPETITION



Due to the overwhelming success of last year's photo competition in raising awareness of the benefits of having covered soil in between maize crops, we have decided to re-run the competition! We would like the focus to be on undersown and post-harvest cover-crops in 2020 maize fields which will be destroyed/cut before 2021 maize crops.

Criteria

- A photo of an undersown (at time of drilling or 6-8 leaf stage) or post-harvest cover crop sown in 2020, in a field destined for maize in 2021
- A short description that explains why you have chosen to sow a cover crop, perhaps due to financial savings in previous years from reduced fertiliser requirements, or due to increased awareness of environmental benefits of NOT leaving your soil bare, or perhaps to improve your soil organic matter
- 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

**DEADLINE: *WEDNESDAY 27TH
JANUARY 2021***

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

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

**PRIZE: A bottle of Bourbon
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Photo from last year's photo competition winner, Phil Champion of Agrovista. Last year, the criteria was 'Best Practice Maize Farming'. Many of the entered photos showed pictorially the benefits of undersowing and planting cover crops. This photo shows the structural and drainage benefits in the soil, with a rutted, waterlogged area on the bare side, and a visibly drier and non-rutted area on the left.