

Cultivation Tips

- Start cultivating as soon as possible. For example, 2 leaf corn or 2nd trifoliolate beans
- First cultivation pass goal is to loosen the soil
- Interlace tillage passes (tine weeder or rotary hoe) while transitioning to cultivation
- Second cultivation pass goal is to begin throwing soil
- If adequate soil (1-2") is not being moved in the row, continue to leverage additional tillage passes (with a tine weeder or rotary hoe) until soil is being moved
- Speed is critical – find the point of complete failure and then back down slightly
- Maximize the width of sweeps (17-22") and use hillers when crop is bigger to move more soil

