



**Is it Dead?**

## Winter weather can wreak havoc on your winter forage.

If the bottom portion of the tiller is still healthy the crop will survive in most cases. However, if the plant is exposed to extensive freezing after the jointing stage, it's likely that the crop will not survive.

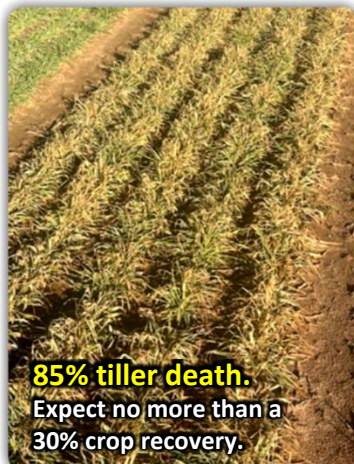
**Checkout the examples below to help you analyze winter damage.**

Unfortunately, **YES**



**Complete tiller death.**

The crown may still be viable, but expect a complete loss



**85% tiller death.**

Expect no more than a 30% crop recovery.



**Normal Survival.**

Good green Spring growth is showing

### A Closer Look



**Browning**

Browning is visible in the middle of the leaf... which will eventually die, as well as the very dark areas. But, in this case the lower portion of the tiller is healthy.



**Recovery**

As the crop drops dead tissue, it will begin to grow out of the damage.

### Your best options:

#### If your crop is dead:

Fortunately this does not happen very often. But if it does, you can plant [Optimum](#) or [Forage Oats](#) – and harvest it in mid-May in time to plant corn or soybeans.

#### If your crop is borderline:

You can apply the [Bio-Enhanced Small Grain](#) program to help the crop recover.