

# Food Plot Fact Sheet



Crop	Lifecycle	Seeding Rate - lbs per acre (one acre = 43,560 sq. ft)	Seeding Dates	Planting Depth (inches)	Ideal pH	Mature Height
<b>Alfalfa</b>	Perennial	18 – 20 alone 8 – 12 in a mix	Spring or Early to Mid August	¼ - ½	Above 6.5	12 inches
<b>Buckwheat</b>	Annual	48 – 60	June - July	1 ½ - 2	Above 5.5	2 – 4 feet
<b>Chicory</b>	Perennial	16 alone 6 – 8 in a mix	April – June or August	¼ - ½	Above 5.5	6 – 8 inches
<b>Chufa</b>	Perennial	40 – 50	April – June	1 ½	Above 5.5	1 – 3 feet
<b>Clover</b>	Perennial	10 alone 6 – 8 in a mix	Spring or August	¼ - ½	Above 6.0	12 inches
<b>Grain Sorghum</b>	Annual	15	May – June	1 ½ - 2	6 – 6.5	2 – 4 feet
<b>Dwarf Corn</b>	Annual	10 - 15	April – June	½ - 1	5.5 – 7	3 – 4 feet
<b>Dwarf Sunflower</b>	Annual	15	April – June	1 ½	5.7 - 8	2 – 4 feet
<b>Kale</b>	Annual	4 – 8 alone 2 in a mix	Early Spring – Mid July	¼ - ½	5.5 – 6.5	1 – 2 feet
<b>Oats</b>	Annual	64 – 96	Spring	1 – 1 ½	5.5 – 7.5	2 – 4 feet
<b>Peas</b>	Annual	50 – 60	Spring or Fall	1 ½ - 2	Above 7.0	2 – 4 feet
<b>Rape</b>	Annual	4 – 8 alone 2 in a mix	May – June	¼ - ½	Above 5.5	2 – 4 feet
<b>Small Burnett</b>	Perennial	15 alone 1 – 4 in a mix	April – May	¼ - ¾	6.5 – 7.5	6 – 25 inches
<b>Soybeans</b>	Annual	120	May – July	1 – 1 ½	Above 6.0	4 – 5 feet
<b>Sugar Beets</b>	Annual	10	April – June	½ - 1 ½	Above 6.5	1 – 2 feet
<b>Turnip</b>	Annual	1 – 4 alone 1 in a mix	Early Spring or Mid-August - Late Summer	¼ - ½	6 – 6.5	12 – 14 inches

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***Just as important as deciding what to plant.....***

....is understanding the soil preparations including fertilizing, soil pH, planting methods, seeding rates, depths and dates. Food plots also need follow up maintenance with fertilizers, grazing and pest management to be successful. See your local seed dealer and extension agent for specific guidelines in your area.

In order to attract wildlife you have to establish a diverse mix of habitat. Experts agree whether you choose annual or perennial plantings, it is better to have many well-distributed small plots than fewer large plots. Your plan should include safe havens and travel lanes in the form of trees and bushes for game to access all areas of your property. Good luck in all your wildlife experiences.

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