

Deer Food Plot Planting Guide for the Southeast

Crop	Forage Class ¹	Cultivar/Variety	Planting Dates	Planting Rate (lb/acre ²)		Inoculant ³
				Drill	Broadcast	
Cool-Season Forages						
Alfalfa	L/P	Alfagraze, Amerigraze, Ameristand, Bulldog	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	15	20	A
Austrian Winter Peas	L/A	Common, Fenn, FrostMaster, Granger	Sept. 1–Nov. 1	30	50	C
Brassicas	F/A	Available varieties of rape, kale, turnip, canola	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	5	10	
Chicory	F/P	Choice, Oasis, Puna, Wina	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	5	10	
Oats	G/A	Bob Oats, Buck Forage, Coker, Trophy Oats	Aug. 15–Oct. 15	90–100	120–150	
Rye	G/A	Elbon, Wrens Abruzzi, Wrens 96, Winter Grazer 70, Maton	Aug. 15–Oct. 15	90–100	120–150	
Triticale	G/A	TAM Cale, TriCal (342, 718, 815, 2700), TriCal Merlin Max	Aug. 15–Oct. 15	90–100	120–150	
Wheat	G/A	Commercial forage varieties, Forage Max, Pioneer 26R10 Awnless forage varieties: TAM 401, WB Grazemaster, SY Grit	Aug. 15–Oct. 15	90–100	120–150	
Clovers^{4,5}						
Clover, Arrowleaf	L/A	Meeche, Yuchi, Amclo, Apache, Osceola	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	8	12	C
Clover, Balansa	L/A	Fixation, Frosty, Balo, Tabor, Enduro	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	5	10	C
Clover, Berseem	L/A	Frosty, Bigbee, Tabor, Temara	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	10	20	B
Clover, Crimson	L/A	Dixie, Tibbee, Au-Robin, Flame	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	15	25	C
Clover, Ladino (White)	L/P	Durana, Imperial White-tail, Domino, Patriot, Regalgraze, Chickasaw, Non-Typical	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	4	8	B
Clover, Persian	L/A	Enhance, Lightning, Persian Pro, Nitro Persian, Laser Persian	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	10	15	C
Clover, Red	L/P	Kenland, Cherokee, Freedom, MR, Starfire II, Cinnamon Plus, Dynamite, Q Medium Red, Redland, Bulldog	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	10	15	B
Warm-Season Forages						
Alyceclover	L/A	Common	April 15–June 15	15	20	EL
American Jointvetch ⁶	L/A	Americana, Glenn, Lee	April 15–June 15	15	20	EL
Buckwheat	F/A	Common, Mancan, Manor, Royal	April 15–June 15	30	50	
Corn ⁷	G/A	Commercial varieties, Dwarf Tropical	April 1–May 15	8	12	
Cowpeas	L/A	Iron & Clay, Red Ripper, Whippoorwill	April 15–June 15	50	75–100	EL
Grain Sorghum ⁷	G/A	Kafir, Hegari, Dwarf Milo, commercial varieties	April 15–June 15	8	12	
Lab Lab	L/A	Rongai, Big Buck, Endurance	April 15–June 15	15	30–40	J
Soybeans	L/A	Commercial varieties for grain production, Tyrone, Hutcheson	April 15–June 15	50	100	H
Soybeans, Wildlife	L/A	Eagle Claw, Big Fellow, Game Changer, Quail Haven	April 15–June 15	20	40	H
Sunflower ⁸	F/A	Commercial black oil hybrids, Peredovik (120-day maturity)	April 15–June 1	10	25	

¹Forage classes: A = Annual; F = Forb; G = Grass; L = Legume; P = Perennial

²All of the above planting rates assume a complete stand for each species. If you plan to mix species, reduce planting rates. (For example, when broadcasting a 50/50 mixture of wheat and oats, use 60 lb of each for a total of 120 lb.)

³Purchase either pre-inoculated legume seed or inoculate with the appropriate inoculant before planting.

⁴Most clover seeds are sold having already been inoculated.

⁵Seeding rates for clovers are based on pure live seed, not coated seed weight.

⁶Commonly called deer vetch.

⁷Broadcasting seed is not recommended for these plantings. Drilling seed in rows improves forage and seed production.

⁸Although deer will eat newly appearing sunflower heads, they are not intended as a deer forage, but as structure for cowpeas/vining soybeans/lab lab to climb and grow on.

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