

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FOOD PLOT

Control weeds and grasses by first applying Glycophosphate (like Round-Up) following label directions

Wait 7-10 days before tillage or another application of Glycophosphate

Add fertilizer and lime as recommended per soil sample

Till the soil to thoroughly mix fertilizer and provide a good seed bed

Plant the seed at 9 lbs. per acre using a grain drill or broadcast seeder

Cultipack or drag to cover the seed with 1/4" to 1/2" of soil

TIPS TO FOLLOW

Spring Planting Dates May 1st to June 15

Fall Planting Dates August 1st to September 7

Clip your perennial plots at 12"–14" before they bloom for most nutritious plants (except during a drought or dry conditions)

Remember 1 acre = 208 ft x 208 ft..... plan accordingly

Mix the amounts of seed you need for your plot in a 5 gallon bucket thoroughly with Milorganite to help stretch the volume

Clover seeds are extremely small so be careful, you are better to go over the plot twice with a light planting than to run out of seed

Numerous small plots are generally better than one large plot

A nurse crop if used should not be more than 15 to 20 lbs per acre

Check the utilization of your plot with an exclosure or utilization cage

Try to plant one of your plots near a sanctuary if possible

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