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Backwoods Buffet Planting tips

These recommendations can help you achieve the best results with your food plots.

1. Backwoods Buffet is typically planted August 1st – August 15th depending on your location and your weather. It will need approximately 45 – 60 days growing season. Best if planted just before a rain. (Hint: Have your fields prepared and ready to go, and then watch your local weather forecast.)
2. Backwoods Buffet grows in most any soil given proper nutrients and moisture, but it prefers a well drained but heavier loam or clay soil. Approximately one month before planting, condition the soil with a roto-tiller, disc, chisel plow or similar type equipment to prepare a good seed bed. Next allow weeds to grow then spray with Roundup 1 – 2 weeks before planting.
3. When ready to plant, loosen up the seed bed surface with a drag or chain link fence to further prep the soil. Do not till too deep as it will bring more weed seeds to the surface.
4. Soil should be fertile with a pH of 6.5 – 7.5. If you are not sure of your soil fertility or pH, have your soil tested. Your local Ag Center or fertilizer dealer can usually help with this. (A good fertilizer recommendation is 300 – 400 lbs of 19-19-19/acre followed by an application of 100 lbs/acre of urea (46-0-0) after 4 – 6 weeks. If you see your plants turning purple and/or yellow, it is lacking nutrients.
5. Using a hand or shoulder seeder, broadcast 4 – 5 lbs per acre. **DO NOT OVERSEED!** Set your seeder on one of the smallest settings. Walk fast and crank hard. Better to go back and overlap than run out of seed too soon.
6. **IMPORTANT: Use a cultipacker, roller, or even your ATV tires to pack the field to insure good seed/soil contact! You do not need to worry about covering the seed. If the seed is planted too deep, it will not grow. Do not plant seed more than 1/8" deep!**