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Buck Magnet Planting Tips

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

- DO NOT MIX small bag (turnips & rape) with large bag of seed. The larger seed must be planted deeper than small seed.
- 1. Buck Magnet should be planted around the 1st of September here in Western New York, earlier further North, and later further South. Best if planted just before a rain (Hint: Have your fields prepared and read to go, and then watch your local weather forecast).
- 2. 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 help with this. A good fertilizer recommendation is 300 – 400 lbs/acre of 15-15-15.
- 3. Buck Magnet will grow in most soil as long as the soil is well drained and has the proper nutrients and moisture. Approximately one month before planting, condition the soil with a rototiller, disc, chisel plow or similar type of equipment to prepare a good seed bed. Next allow weeds to grow then spray with Roundup 1-2 weeks before planting.
- 4. When ready to plant, loosen up seed bed surface by lightly discing or dragging to further prep the soil. Do not till too deep as it will bring more weed seeds to the surface and then they will grow. (This is a good time to spread fertilizer before you loosen up seed bed. It will work fertilizer into soil as you loosen seed bed.)
- 5. The Whitetail forage oats, flex forage peas, and the buckwheat should be planted 1" deep. This is best accomplished with a grain drill. If you don't own a drill, you can broadcast the seed then lightly drag or disc in being careful not to plant the seed deeper than 1".
- 6. Using a hand or shoulder seeder, broadcast the turnips and rape on top of the soil you just planted the oats, peas and buckwheat in. 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. If you do this right, you have plenty of seed.
- 7. **Important: Use a cultipacker, lawn roller or even your ATV tires to pack the field to insure good seed to soil contact! You do not need to worry about covering the turnip and rape seed. When you cultipack the soil, the turnip and rape seed will be covered just right. (1/8" to 1/4" is all you need).**