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Deer Food Plots Guidelines

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◆ **Not a *substitute* for native food but a *supplement* to native forbs.**

◆ **Stress periods when food plots are needed:**

- Winter (after frost and acorn fall)
- Late summer/early fall (lactating does)

◆ **Plant:**

- Up to 3% to 5% acreage
- Areas long, narrow next to brush lines (cover areas) (½ acre to 2 acres in size)
- Fence-off from cattle
 - minimum 1 wire (electric) 18" off ground
 - 1st wire 18", 2nd wire 12" above bottom



◆ **Possibilities:**

Fall Planting for Winter/Spring (Oct./Nov.)

- Clovers
- Oats, wheat, rye
- Ryegrass
- Alfalfa
- Vetch

Spring/Summer Planting (April/May)

- Inon/clay cowpeas
- Alyce clover
- American jointvetch
- Soybeans
- Blackeyed peas
- Millet

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