

## Top Ten Cream of the Crop Fall Deer Food Plot Crops - SOUTH

<b>TABLE 2.TOP T</b>	EN CREAM OF T	HE CROP FA	ALL DEER	FOOD PLOT	PLANTS AF	PROPRIATE		RN U.S. (Not in c	rder of va	alue or pre	eference).		
TYPE (ANNUAL OR PERENNIAL)	SPECIES	SEEDLING VIGOR		DROUGHT TOLERANCE	YIELD TONS/AC	% PROTEIN	% TOTAL DIGESTABLE NUTRIENTS	BROADCAST RATE/ACRE** (PLANTED ALONE (DRILLED =HALF)		* RANK***	PLANTING * DATES	FERTILIZER (see footnotes)	MINIMUM TREATMENT/COMMENTS pH (for more fertilizer and lime information see footnotes)
ANNUAL (RESEEDING)	Arrowleaf Clove	F	F	G	23	16-26	56-61	20 lbs/acre	MED	MED	September & October	300 lbs/acre 0-20-30	5.5 Stand can be re-established by disking lightly in August. Wheat & rye can be overseeded if desired. All clover needs innoculation.
ANNUAL (RESEEDING)	Crimson Clover	E	G	F		22-26		20 lbs/acre	MED	MED	September & October	300 lbs/acre 0-20-30	5.5 Stand can be re-established by disking lightly in September All clover needs innoculation.
ANNUAL	Red Clover	E	F	F	24	17-26	57-62	10 lbs/acre	HIGH	HIGH	September & October	300 lbs/acre 0-20-30	6.0 Mow as needed to control grass competition. Fertilize once per year in September. All clover needs innoculation.
PERENNIAL	Ladino Clover	F	F	F	35	21-29	57-62	5 lbs/acre	HIGH	HIGH	September & October	300 lbs/acre 0-20-30	6.0 Mow frequently to control weed competition. Fertilize once per year in September. All clover needs innoculation.
PERENNIAL	Alfalfa	G	Р	E	36	21-29	57-62	30 lbs/acre	HIGH	HIGH	September	400 lbs/acre 0-20-30	6.5 Difficult to establish, high maintenance, needs weevil & weed control.
PERENNIAL	Chicory	G	G	E		10-30		5 lbs/acre	MED	HIGH	September	300 lbs/acre 19-19-19	5.5 Drought resistant, heavy nitrogen user.
ANNUAL	Austrian winter peas	F	F	F		25-28		30 lbs/acre	MED	MED	September	300 lbs/acre 0-20-30	5.5 Subject to kill by overgrazing. If peas mature, disk lightly in August to re-establish stand.
ANNUAL	Radishes, Turnips	E	E	G		20-40		10 lbs/acre 5 lbs/acre	HIGH	HIGH	September & October	300 lbs/acre 19-19-19	5.5 Very high production Most often grazed after frosts Large roots also eaten
ANNUAL	Oats OR Wheat	E E	F P	F F	14	15-26	55-60	100 lbs/acre	MED	LOW	September & October	300 lbs/acre 19-19-19	6.0 Oats may reseed if disked lightly in September
ANNUAL	Rape (Canola)	G	G	G	13	22-31		5 lbs/acre	MED	MED	September & October	300 lbs/acre 19-19-19	5.5 Can be shortlived. Deer use may vary from light to heavy.

<sup>\*</sup>Get soil test. In lieu of soil test apply 1-3 tons/acre lime and 300 lbs/acre 19-19-19 (or 600 lbs/acre 10-10-10) at planting.

One application of lime lasts for 3-5 years.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Broadcast rate in table only applies when planted in pure stand.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Value rank considers production, utilization, quality, persistence, and palatibility.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Cost rank considers one time seed price only. Perennials and reseeding annuals are a real economic bonus after the first year.