

## TURKEY SELECT INSTRUCTIONS

### Planting

1. Select a site with medium to well drained soils.
2. For optimum results perform a laboratory soil test in advance of planting to determine lime and fertilizer requirements. If using Whitetail Institute's laboratory, check the Turkey Select box on submittal form. If using another lab, test for chufa. Whitetail Institute's soil test submittal forms can be purchased and downloaded at: <https://whitetailinstitute.com/soil-test-kit-download-version/> *Do not skip this step – proper pH is a very important part of soil preparation.*
3. Add the fertilizer recommended by your soil-test report to the disked surface of the seedbed. If no soil test is available, add 100 lbs. of 17-17-17 or equivalent fertilizer per ¼ acre.
4. Lightly disk lime and fertilizer into seedbed to thoroughly mix the lime and fertilizer into the soil.
5. Smooth the plot thoroughly with a cultipacker, roller, or drag. This step is critical to get the seedbed as smooth as possible before seeding.
6. Broadcast seed at a rate of 10 lbs. of seed per 1/4 acre. If you use a hand spreader, adjust the opening to about 1/4 inch. This adjustment will ensure proper distribution of seeds.
7. Lightly drag over the seed just enough to cover no more than a 1/2 inch. DO NOT DISK SEED IN.
8. After plants reach 4 inches tall, apply 25 lbs. of 34-0-0 or equivalent high-nitrogen fertilizer per 1/4 acre. Do not apply it when plants are damp.
9. **Optional:** After planting, place a small wire basket over a portion of your Destination so wildlife can't graze that area. Watch the difference inside and outside the basket.