

WINTER PEAS PLUS INSTRUCTIONS

Seedbed Preparation

1. Select a site with medium to well-drained soil, and that receives at least 3-4 hours of indirect sunlight per day.
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 Winter Peas Plus box on submittal form. If using another lab, test for winter pea/brassica mix. Whitetail Institute's soil test submittal forms can be purchased and downloaded at: <https://whitetailinstitute.com/soil-test-kit-download-version/>
3. Add the amount of lime recommended in your soil-test report. If no soil test is available, then add a minimum of 1,000 lbs. of lime per 1/4 acre. For best results, disk or till the lime thoroughly into the top few inches of the seedbed. If possible, lime should be added several months in advance of planting. **DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP! MAKING SURE SOIL pH IS OPTIMUM (6.5-7.5) IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN CONTROL TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL PLANTING!**
4. Add the fertilizer recommended in your soil-test report to the seedbed. If no soil test is available, then add 100 lbs. of 17-17-17, or equivalent, fertilizer per 1/4 acre.
5. Lightly disk or till the fertilizer into the top few inches of the seedbed. **For the best results, complete all steps in the order shown. Stay within the planting dates for your area as shown on the map below. Cutting corners can negatively affect your results!** Planting
6. Broadcast the seed at a rate of 11 pounds per 1/4 acre. **Tip:** For Using Shoulder-type Seeders: Adjust the spreader seed opening to about 3/8 - 1/2 inch.
7. Lightly drag the seed into the seedbed. **DO NOT DISK SEED IN.** Cover seed no more than 1/2 inch.

Optional Tip for Monitoring browsing Pressure: After planting, place a small wire basket over a portion of your planting so that wildlife cannot browse inside it. Watch the difference inside and outside the basket to gauge browsing pressure.