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■ When I first started managing my property, I did what I could with hand tools, a rented roto-tiller and some No-Plow, but we immediately began seeing and holding more deer. Still, we were shooting what was common for the area: spikes, forkhorns and an occasional basket rack. As I was able to afford and acquire better equipment, and through trial and error — much error if you don't follow directions and try to take shortcuts — I started sweetening up the soil and expanding my food plots with mineral licks. We then began to see a noticeable difference in deer quantity, along with larger racks. Enter some additional management practices of cull bucks and increased doe harvest, and letting all bucks with potential age, and the taxidermy bills are killing me, and my children are now buck snobs.