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Spring is here, and for whitetail deer hunters, that means one thing: it's time to plant food plots. Whether you're preparing for next fall's trophy buck or boosting herd health year-round, a well-planned spring food plot can make all the difference. In this guide, we'll walk you through everything you need to know to create a successful whitetail food plot in spring 2026—from timing and soil prep to choosing the best seeds and maintaining your plot. Why Plant Food Plots in Spring? Spring planting (March through May) sets the stage for lush, nutrient-rich food plots that attract whitetail deer when they need it most. Does are recovering from winter and raising fawns, while bucks are growing antlers—both rely on quality forage.

A spring food plot also gives you a head start on weed control and soil health, ensuring your plot thrives by hunting season.

Timing is critical for a successful spring food plot planting guide. In most regions, mid-March to late May is ideal, depending on your climate:

- Northern States: Wait until the last frost (typically April-May) to avoid seed loss.
- Southern States: Start as early as March to maximize growth before summer heat.

Location matters when learning how to plant a food plot. Look for:

- Sunlight: At least 4-6 hours daily (shade-tolerant options like [Shady Patch Food Plot Seed](#) work for less sunny spots).
- Size: Even small plots (1/4 acre - 2 acres) can attract deer—perfect for hunters with limited land.

Healthy soil is the foundation of any whitetail deer food plot. For best results, follow these steps:

1. Test Your Soil: Use a soil test kit (available at garden stores) to check pH and nutrient levels. Deer-preferred plants like clover thrive at a pH of 6.0-7.0.
2. Lime if Needed: Add lime to raise pH (apply 4-6 weeks before planting if possible).
3. Till the Ground: Break up soil 4-6 inches deep with a disc or tiller to remove weeds and create a seedbed. If you can't get equipment to your plot, try to scratch the surface of the ground with an iron rake to create a good place for the seed to contact bare dirt.
4. Fertilize: Apply a balanced fertilizer (e.g., 10-10-10) based on your soil test results. Spring food plot also gives you a head start on weed control and soil health, ensuring your plot thrives by hunting season.

Not all seeds are equal when planting a spring food plot. For whitetail deer, focus on fast-growing, nutrient-rich options:

- Clover: A perennial favorite, easy to grow in spring. [Clover Extreme Food Plot Seed](#) is a premium mix of perennial clovers.
- Chicory: Drought-resistant and packed with protein. For an incredibly versatile food plot blend, check out our [Clover & Chicory Combination Food Plot Seed](#).
- Blends: Multi-species mixes like [Shady Patch Food Plot Seed](#) offer variety and resilience.