

Landowner: _____

Tract: _____

NUTRIENTS

- Apply fertilizer and lime according to current soil test.
- pH - For alfalfa, lime to a pH of at least 6.6. For clovers or birdsfoot trefoil 6.3. Liming materials shall be applied and incorporated prior to seeding.

SEEDING DATES

SPRING

NORTH 5/1 TO 6/15

CENTRAL 4/15 TO 6/1

SOUTH 4/1 TO 5/15



LATE SUMMER

NORTH 7/15 TO 8/10

CENTRAL 8/1 TO 8/21

SOUTH 8/7 TO 8/29

Late summer seeding is generally riskier than spring seeding. Planting at either end of the allowable range is riskier than the middle of the range. When it is not possible to seed during the above seeding periods, a temporary cover planting will be required to reduce erosion until the next spring seeding period.

SEEDBED PREPARATION AND SEEDING

Inoculation

Inoculate legumes with the specific inoculum for the species.

Planting Depth

Plant seed at a depth of ¼ inch to ½ inch.

Conventional seeding

Prepare a fine, firm seedbed to a minimum depth of 3 or 4 inches. It is important to have a firm seedbed. Grass and legume seed should be drilled uniformly over the area using a grassland drill, grain drill with press wheels, cultipacker seeder, or by broadcasting and cultipacking before and after broadcasting the seed.

Companion Crop Seed a companion crop of oats at a rate of 1½ bushels per acre. Mow oats at the boot stage. Mow high enough to prevent damage to the permanent seeding

No-till seeding

Apply a burndown herbicide at the labeled rate, if a weed problem exists. Use a no-till drill.

