

Comparison of Sheep, Goat, and White-tailed Deer Diet Northern Terrell County, 1992

12 Month Summary

Sheep Diet		Goat Diet		Deer Diet	
Grass	41%	Grass	10%	Grass	4%
Forbs	39%	Forbs	53%	Forbs	56%
Browse	20%	Browse	37%	Browse	40%

Top Plants for Sheep:

Grama grass	15%
Croton	15%
Juniper	13%
Dropseed	9%
Grass seed	6%
Threeawn	5%
Pricklypear	4%
Evolvulus	4%
Sida	4%
27 Others	25%

Top Plants for Goats:

Croton	28%
Pricklypear	22%
Juniper	11%
Sida	6%
Legume pod	4%
Tallow weed	4%
Dropseed	3%
Grama grass	2%
34 Others	20%

Top Plants for Deer:

Juniper	26%
Evolvulus	16%
Sida	14%
Croton	7%
Zexmenia	3%
Legume pod	3%
Pricklypear	2%
Persimmon	2%
Oak	2%
26 Others	25%

Diet Variability in Any One Month:

Sheep	Goats	Deer			
Grass	10-75%	Grass	1-23%	Grass	0-21%
Forbs	5-84%	Forbs	5-93%	Forbs	4-96%
Browse	2-64%	Browse	4-91%	Browse	3-96%

Most Important Forages for Sheep, Goats, Deer Combined Diets:

Croton	17%
Juniper	16%
Pricklypear	10%
Sida	7%
Evolvulus	7%
Grama grass	6%
Dropseed	4%

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