## Autumn Quick Plot Planting Instructions

I. Autumn Quick Plot is best planted from about mid-August to mid-September depending on your location.

\*Works well for early season archery so you should allow 3-4 weeks of growth before hunting.

- 2. AQP prefers a heavier loam or light clay soil, but does well in most any soil with proper moisture.
- 3 Condition the soil with a plow, disc, tiller or similar equipment to prepare a good seed bed about one month before you plan to plant. Allow field to green back up and then spray with RoundUp about two weeks before planting.
- When ready to plant, lightly disc or work the seed bed with a drag or chain link fence to loosen up the surface.
- 5. Soil should be fertile with a pH of 6.0 to 7.5. If you are not sure of your soils fertility or pH, have your soil tested. Your local farm co-op or fertilizer dealer can usually help with this.

\*A good fertilizer recommendation is 200 lbs/acre of 19-19-19.

- 6. Broadcast seed at 25lbs/acre
- 7. Drag the seed bed and cover the seed with  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of top soil.
- 8. Important Use a cultipacker, roller, or your ATV tires to pack the field to insure good seed/soil contact.
- 9. Wait for rain! As with all plantings, the sooner it rains the better so watch your weather forecast and try to plant before a reasonable chance of rain.

## Additional Tips & Weed Control for Autumn Quick Plot

As with all food plots it is always easiest and cheapest to start with a weed free seed bed using glyphosate (Roundup). Begin soil preparation in mid-summer. Spray emerging vegetation 2 weeks before planting your AQP.

Due to the late summer planting time of Autumn Quick Plot, weed control is easier than many blends and weed competition should not be much of an issue.

Because of the difference in seed size care should be taken when setting your seeder so you don't make the opening too large and run out your seed too fast.

You will get some re-growth in early Spring to benefit your deer herd. It will tend to mature quickly though and can either be mowed down or plowed under for "green fertilizer" to help build up your soil.

\*\*\*Makes a great cover crop when planting clover plots in late summer.\*\*\*