



## **Plow Down Clover Planting Instructions**

1. **Plow-Down Clover** is best planted in early Spring to allow a longer growing time before it is plowed under. It can also be frost seeded if the ground is bare and once the majority of the ground is snow free.

*\*The longer PDC is allowed to grow, the more nitrogen for your soil.*

2. Till the soil with a plow, disk, or similar equipment to prepare a good seed bed to ensure good seed to soil contact. New fields that contain a lot of grass may need an application of RoundUp prior to tilling in order to keep the grasses from taking over your plot.
3. Soil should be fertile with a pH of 6.5 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 or we have kits available on our website.  
*\*Fertilize at about 100-150 lbs/acre. An approximate blend around 6-24-24 is a good blend for clover.*  
*\*Apply either pelletized lime or ag lime as needed.*
4. Broadcast or drill at 8-10lbs/acre
5. After seeding you can drag the seed bed, but do not cover the seed with more than ¼ inch of top soil.
6. **Important** Use a cultipacker, roller, or even your ATV tires to pack the field to insure good seed/soil contact. You do not need to worry about covering the seed. If the seed is planted too deep, it will not grow. **Do not skip this step.**
7. 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**

1. If you choose not to plow under your clover until next season that is just fine. You may want to mow it once or twice to encourage new fresh growth.
2. Use a plow to turn over your plot if you are able. Plowing the clover under and burying the stems and leaves is better for your plot than just disking them down.