Forage & Pasture Planting Calendar

- ◊ The planting calendar is taken from information found in the **Ohio Agronomy Guide.** Refer to this guide for detailed information about each of the forages and growing recommendations.
- ◊ The seeding rates are based on a pure stand. For a mixed stand, refer to seeding rates found in the **Ohio Agronomy Guide**
- ◊ Planting dates for Ohio. In southern Ohio, the spring dates should be in the early range, and in the fall, they can be in the later range.

1 Best to plant winter wheat after Hessian Fly safe date, consult **Ohio Agronomy Guide** for dates by region

2 February to early March is the recommended frost seeding period for clovers: some cool season grasses may also be frost seeded, but this is less common

3 Planting Perennial ryegrass in Southern Ohio is not recommended.

February

All Month	lbs./acre
Alsike Clover	9
Birdsfoot Trefoil	9
Ladino Clover	5
Red Clover	8 - 12
After February 15	**lbs./acre**
Annual Lespedeza	10

* Frost Seed Clovers *

For Zone 6A
Zone 6B - 1 week earlier
Zone 5B - 1 week later

For a mixed stand,use the lower rate

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March

All Month	lbs./acre
Smooth Bromegrass	16
Kentucky Bluegrass	10
Meadow Fescue	16
Tall Fescue	15
Festulolium	25
Orchardgrass	10
Reed Canarygrass	10
Timothy	8
Alsike Clover	9
Ladino Clover	5
Red Clover	8 - 12
Annual Lespedeza	15

After March 15	lbs./acre
Alfalfa	15
Birdsfoot Trefoil	9
Chicory	6
Ryegrass *	24
Spring Oats	75 - 110
Spring Triticale	90 - 110

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Zone 5B - 1 week later

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April

Before April 20	lbs./acre
Smooth Bromegrass	16
Kentucky Bluegrass	10
Chicory	6
Perennial Ryegrass	24
Meadow Fescue	16
Tall Fescue	15
Festulolium	25
Orchardgrass	10
Reed Canarygrass	10
Timothy	8
Ladino Clover	5
Red Clover	11
Annual Lespadeza	12
Spring Oats	75 - 100
Spring Triticale	90 - 110
All Month	
Alfalfa	15
Birdsfoot Trefoil	9

After April 15	lbs./acre
Switchgrass	9
Eastern Gamagrass	9
Big Bluestem	12
Caucasian Bluestem	3-4
Indiangrass	12
Rape	3.5 - 4
Kale	3.5 - 4
Swede	1.5 - 2
Turnip	1.5 - 2

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May

All Month	lbs./acre
Big Bluestem	12
Caucasian Bluestem	3-4
Eastern Gamagrass	9
Indiangrass	12
Switchgrass	9
Before May 15	
Forage Sorghum	12
Sudangrass	24
Sorghum/Sudan	23
Pearl Millet	15 - 20
Rape	4
Kale	4
Swede	2
Turnip	2
After May 15	
Teff	5

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June

Before June 7	lbs./acre
Rape	3.5 - 4
Kale	3.5 - 4
Swede	1.5 - 2
Turnip	1.5 - 2
All Month	
Forage Sorghum	8 - 12
Sudangrass	20 - 25
Sorghum/Sudan	20 - 25
Pearl Millet	15 - 20
Teff	5

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July

Before July 20	lbs./acre
Forage Sorghum	8 - 12
Sorghum/Sudan	20 - 25
Sudangrass	20 - 25
Pearl Millet	15 - 20
Teff	4 - 5
All Month	
Crimson Clover	20 - 25
After July 10	
Rape	3.5 - 4
Turnip	1.5 - 2

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Zone 6B - 1 week later
Zone 5B - 1 week earlier

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August

After Aug. 15	lbs./acre
Kentucky Bluegrass	10
All Month	
Smooth Bromegrass	16
Chicory	6
Perennial Ryegrass	24
Meadow Fescue	16
Tall Fescue	15
Festulolium	25
Orchardgrass	10
Reed Canarygrass	10
Timothy	8
Alfalfa	15
Crimson Clover	20-25
Ladino Clover	5
Red Clover	11

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September

Before September 20	lbs./acre
Kentucky Bluegrass	10
Annual Ryegrass	20-25
Perennial Ryegrass *	20-25
All Month	
Timothy	8
Crimson Clover	20-25
After September 15	
Barley	110 - 140
Oats	80 - 120
Cereal Rye	110 - 160

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October

Before October 20	lbs./acre
Timothy	8
Cereal Rye	110
Crimson Clover	20-25
Winter Triticale	110 - 120
Winter Wheat	100 - 120
All Month	
Crimson Clover	20-25

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Zone 6B - 1 week later
Zone 5B - 1 week earlier

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November

All Month	lbs./acre
Crimson Clover	20-25

- Take soil samples of your fields and start planning for next year
- Apply lime according to test results
- Treat winter annual weeds

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