

## Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever

## **Habitat Information Sheet 10**

# Whitetail 365

## **Signature Series Food Plot**

## **General Description**

Whitetail 365 is exactly what its name implies. It's a perfect "Throw & Go" mix for any situation on any farm. It can be planted anytime from early spring through late fall. The combination of oats, rye, and peas ensures that something is always growing and providing forage for deer year-round. It can be grown on the toughest ground in the toughest conditions.

## **Target Species / Wildlife Value**

This mix doubles as the perfect bedding mix and also a great forage mix for giant whitetails. The oats and rye grow quick to provide bedding cover while the peas provide critical minerals and proteins for trophy buck antler growth.



#### **Timeline**

Conduct site prep 3 – 5 weeks before planting. Typically plant April through early October.

### **Planting Rates**

One 25 lb bag plants 0.5 acres.

#### Contains

A proprietary blend of legumes and annual grasses including 2 varieties of peas, annual ryegrass, and oats.

### **Similar PFQF Signature Series Blends**

**Bird, Buck, and Brood Food** is a similar green browse mix including 11 varieties of legumes, forbs, brassicas, small grains, and annual grass including pasja, sweet clover, buckwheat, cool season peas, sunflower, cowpeas, white mustard, alfalfa, rapeseed, millet, and partridge pea.

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**General Planting Instructions** 

## <u>Site Preparation</u> (generally 3 – 5 weeks before planting starting in April)

Poor site preparation is the number one reason for project failures. Mow (or burn) your food plot 3 to 5 weeks before planting to remove residual plant material from previous year. Alternately, mow (or disk) the previous fall, followed by spring disking and/or a burn-down herbicide application when new weedy growth is visible.

Get a soil test! Soil tests can be done in the fall or early spring. Typically, you should schedule 3-4 weeks for results. This is the only true way to determine your fertilizer, nutrient, and pH adjustment (lime) needs.

Spray with a contact herbicide (glyphosate / RoundUp) ahead of planting once weeds green up, following label instructions. If field has little history of broadleaf or grass competition, a contact herbicide may not be needed.

#### Weed Management (generally early May to mid-June)

Some weeds in a wildlife food plot can provide additional cover and food, but too many weeds will compete with your food plot reducing or even eliminating yields. Your site should be weed free at the time of planting (see site prep).

• DO NOT SPRAY WITH CONTACT HERBICIDE (glyphosate / Roundup) ONCE ESTABLISHED. If sprayed, it will die.

## **Planting** (generally April to early October)

Disk field before planting (unless no-tilling), incorporating fertilizer and nutrients (lime, etc.) per soil test results, or fertilize at planting. To improve yield, consider broadcasting 80-100 pounds of actual nitrogen (175-220 #s of 46-0-0) per acre 6 to 8 weeks after planting. Soils should be well drained (not wet). Do NOT overplant!

- Whitetail 365 can be no-till drilled or broadcasted.
- If broadcasting, incorporate into soil by dragging, cultipacking or lightly disking. Rolling seed bed after planting will increase germination.