

Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever

Habitat Information Sheet 12

Clover Kandy

Signature Series Food Plot

General Description

Clover Kandy is the perfect blend of high protein clovers and other legumes providing the ultimate green browse for deer and turkey while providing nesting and brood-rearing cover for pheasants and quail. This mix stays green most of the year providing the ultimate all-around food plot for deer, turkey, pheasants, and quail. It can also be used for green firebreaks. Clover Kandy lasts 3-4 years before needing to replant.

Target Species / Wildlife Value

This clover mix is critical for antler, muscle, and bone growth for Midwest whitetails. It's also the perfect food plot mix for turkey hunters. Lastly, it's great nesting and brood-rearing habitat for turkey, pheasant, and quail.



Timeline

Generally, conduct site prep in early April. Typically plant late April to May <u>or</u> plant late August through early September.

Planting Rates

An 8 lb bag plants 1 acre (drilled or broadcasted).

Contains

A proprietary blend of seven clovers and legumes (alsike, arrowleaf, berseem, crimson, ladino, red clovers and alfalfa).

Weed Management Options

Grass-selective herbicides may be used on this mix pre and / or post-emergence. Always follow label instructions.

Similar PFQF Signature Series Blends

Bird, Buck & Brood Food has 11 varieties of grasses and legumes 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

Site Preparation (generally early to mid-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.
- Post-Emergent
 - o A grass-selective herbicide can be used to control annual and perennial grasses.

<u>Planting</u> (generally mid-April to mid-May <u>or</u> late-August to early-September)

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!

- Clover Kandy 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.