

AGGRAND[®] NEWS

Preparing Food Plots

Over the last three years, food plot management has been the fastest growing segment of the multi-billion dollar hunting industry. People are growing food plots for several reasons: as an alternative to baiting; to encourage increased antler development; increased herd development; year round foraging; improved nutrient and vitamin supplementation; reduce outbreaks of bovine tuberculosis; improved wildlife habitation and for people who just love to watch wildlife flourish.

Food plots can range in size from 100 square feet to dozens of acres. They are grown in every area of the country and in all types of soils. The recommendations for starting your own food plot are as follows:

- 1) Get a soil analysis (multiple samples for bigger plots). This eliminates all the guesswork of what you are trying to achieve.
- 2) Brush-hog the area and then apply Round Up™ to defoliate the food plot. After 10 days, power rake and/or disc the defoliated area of dead leaves and grasses.
- 3) The soil should now be ready for seeding. After choosing the seeds of your choice for deer, turkey, pheasant, quail, etc., apply the seed.
- 4) Apply a mixture of AGGRAND Natural Liquid Lime (NLL) and AGGRAND Natural Organic Fertilizer (NOF) directly after seeding the soil. The amount of NLL and NOF mix ratio will depend on your soil analysis. A typical mix ratio would be a gallon of each mixed

with 25-40 gallons of water per acre. The great advantage of using AGGRAND products is that you can mix the products together and apply them at the same time.

- 5) A second foliar application should be applied about five to six weeks after seeding. The food plot should have about four to six inches of green-up at this time. Use the same mix ratio that was used at seeding time.
- 6) If the food plot was planted in March or early April, a third foliar application may be applied in early June.
- 7) Let the food plot go through its dormancy period throughout the summer. In mid to late September, apply one last foliar application. Not only are you fortifying the forage for the fall and upcoming winter periods, you are also invigorating the soil and protecting the plants from cold weather stresses.
- 8) Repeat this process the following spring. It doesn't matter whether you have an annual or perennial cropping system. Replenishing the soil with AGGRAND benefits not only the soil, but provides increased microbial and earthworm activity. An acre's worth of healthy earthworms produces 700 pounds of earthworm castings a day. Earthworms also provide ample soil aeration.

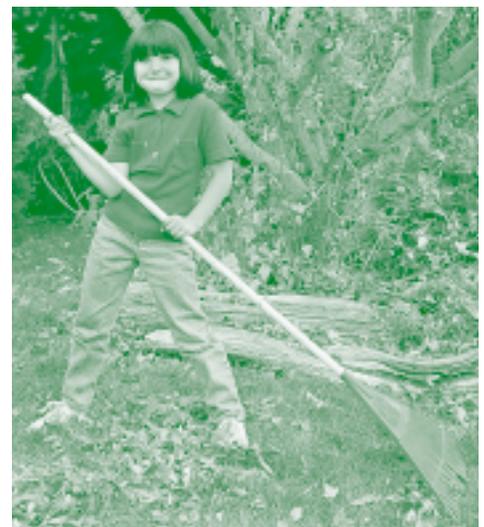
For whatever reason you choose to grow food plots, AGGRAND is the natural choice to start and maintain food plot management for years to come.

A Lawn Program for Autumn

In the hottest part of the summer, lawn grasses enter a temporary dormancy. During this time, regular deep watering of at least two inches per week is required to keep grass healthy, especially species such as Kentucky Bluegrass, that are less tolerant of drought.

In late summer and early autumn, when the weather cools down, continue lawn care with an AGGRAND program of 1 pint AGGRAND Natural Kelp and Sulfate of Potash, 1 quart AGGRAND Natural Fish-Kelp Fertilizer and 1 quart AGGRAND Natural Liquid Lime where needed per 3,000 to 5,000 square feet. Apply every three to four weeks. Stimulate root growth during the last feeding in autumn by substituting 1 quart per 2,000 square feet of AGGRAND Natural Liquid Bonemeal for the Natural Liquid Lime.

Remember that autumn is the best time to rejuvenate an unhealthy lawn; dethatch, aerate, top-dress, overseed, roll in and keep moist.



Fall Houseplant Care

A good fall houseplant maintenance regimen should begin with a thorough leaching outside or in the bathtub. Run a gallon of tap or rain water through the plant pot, then topdress with some fresh compost or potting soil.

Water the plant in with a two-ounces-per-gallon solution of AGGRAND Natural Fertilizer mixed with three-ounces-per-gallon of AGGRAND Natural Liquid Lime. One month later apply a three-ounces-per-gallon solution of AGGRAND Natural Liquid Bonemeal, and repeat every two months during winter. Repeat the application of AGGRAND Natural Fertilizer every month.

AGGRAND Mix Rates (oz. fertilizer/gal. of water)^a

	Fast Growing Plants	Slow Growing Plants	Cacti	Flowering Plants	Acid Loving Plants
AGGRAND 4-3-3	3	2	1	2-3	2-3
AGGRAND 0-12-0	3	2	2	3	3
AGGRAND 0-0-8	1	1/2	1/4	1/2-1	1/2-1
AGGRAND Lime	3	2	2	2	

^a Apply one cup of fertilizer solution per gallon of soil. Make sure plants are well-watered between fertilizations (some plants like moist soil at all times while others respond better when soil dries out more between waterings). Two tablespoons = 1 oz.

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Plant Bulbs This Fall for an Early Spring Show

If you've never planted spring flowering bulbs before, you're missing a beautification opportunity every fall. If you have, you know that a minimum of effort provides you with a spring flower show that can bring you out of the winter doldrums long before bedding plants and perennials are in bloom. What's more, with a little regular aftercare, your bulbs will continue to signal the arrival of spring for years to come.

AGGRAND helps you get bigger and longer-lasting blooms when applied at planting time every fall.

Here are a few bulb and planting tips and how to's:

- Get a good bulb-planting tool (a foot-operated one saves the wrist).
- Bulbs are most effective when planted in groups for an early season color splash.
- Planting depth should be about three times the bulb's diameter (6-8 inches for large bulbs, 2-4 inches for smaller).
- Whenever possible, mix soil in a wheelbarrow with compost before refilling planting holes, especially if soil has a lot of clay (bulbs like good drainage).
- Mix 3 oz. of AGGRAND 4-3-3, 3 oz. of 0-12-0 AGGRAND Bonemeal, 1 oz. of 0-0-8 AGGRAND Kelp & Sulfate of Potash with one gal. of water.
- Sprinkle 1/2 to one cup of solution into the planting hole before setting bulbs.
- Sprinkle 1 gal. of solution per 100 sq. ft. onto soil after planting and water in thoroughly.
- On acidic soils (pH is below 6.0), mix 8 oz. of AGGRAND Natural Liquid Lime with 1 gallon of water and apply as a broadcast application to the flower bed before planting. Apply 2 gal. of the solution to 100 sq. ft.
- Reapply AGGRAND products every fall when bulbs are storing energy for spring.
- Check local garden centers for the proper planting time and bulbs suited to your climatic zone.

With some planning, and AGGRAND in the sprinkling can, you can have bulbs coming up from early spring through summer.