

## Benefits of the Program:

- A. Reduced management cost while providing high quality forage availability.
- B. Long range of seasonal growth (Nov-July).
- C. Annual seed purchase is not required.
- D. Small grains can be drilled into the fields without disturbance.
- E. Low impact management on surrounding ecosystems.
- F. Reduced fuel, equipment maintenance and fertilizer requirements.



## Key Points for Success:

1. Use Pre-inoculated clover seed for initial establishment.
2. Eliminate most grasses and weeds prior to the initial establishment.
3. Do not apply supplement Nitrogen Fertilizers after May 1.
4. Very shallow disking before Oct 15th if additional over-seeding is needed may not be harmful; however, deeper disking could result in a total loss of the available seed bank from the previous year.



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Reseeding Legumes for  
High Protein and  
Cost Reduction





**Clover and Mast Producing Trees**

In South Alabama most perennial clovers require intense management to maintain a quality stand year after year. This can be very costly and labor intensive; although, it does provide an abundance of high protein forage in managing wildlife.

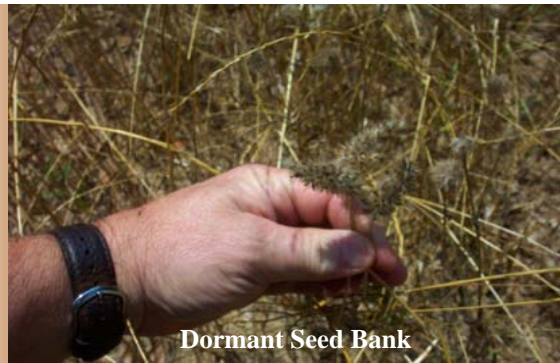


**Crimson Clover**



**Arrowleaf Clover**

In the southeast we have two Annual Re-seeding clovers that are high performers and will also provide the high protein forage availability for wildlife at a reduced cost and with sustained longevity. (Arrowleaf and Crimson Clover.)



**Dormant Seed Bank**

The secret to success is managing, protecting and promoting the produced dormant seed bank for natural reestablishment once the planted mixed crop has become fully established.



**Bush Hog**

**Herbicide Applicator**

1 Bush hog Trip and 1 Glyphosate application is all it takes to prepare the food plot for another year of production. The timing of these events are the most critical aspects of maintaining a successful reseeding program.



The field will be a high weed patch in early August which has recently served well as a poult nursery, but it should now be mowed and scalped as close as possible to remove everything growing



Apply 41% Glyphosate herbicide @ 2 quarts / Acre (3 if heavy in Bermuda grass) in Mid-September



If the rains come in October, the clover will germinate and do very well. Fertilization with Low N, High P & High K in (Nov-Dec) will enhance development. Fertilizer with added Boron micronutrients will promote seeding for longevity.



Success requires a well planted and established stand of Arrowleaf and Crimson Clovers to begin the process for reseeding. The re-seeders do surprisingly well in highly acidic soils where liming applications may be difficult.