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Food Plot Perfection

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Wildlife food plots are one of the most common practices employed by private landowners and hunt club members in an effort to improve the health of wildlife populations. Food plots can easily be included in a comprehensive wildlife management and habitat plan that will serve to improve wildlife populations on any landowners property. There are five basic principles to consider when developing and utilizing a food plot - size, shape, composition, rotation, and total area encompassed.

Size does matter and small is better than large when wildlife food plots are the topic. A few years ago, I visited with a landowner who was considering a new food plot on part of his property. He asked what size the food



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