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Fertilizer/Lime Application and Spreader Calibration for Quality Wildlife Food Plots

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In previous issues of Wildlife Trends I covered the value of fertilizer nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), and lime. I also spent time on soil sampling procedures and interpretation of soil test results. The main purpose of these articles has been to provide land managers with basic tools for determining the correct amount of nutrients and/or lime to apply to wildlife food plots. Once the amount of nutrients to be applied is known, the decision regarding which type of fertilizer/lime materials to purchase is based on the method of application to be used.



Lack of fertilizer spreader calibration can result in uneven nutrient distribution that leads to "streaky" fields.

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