



Plot Screen Planting Tips

These recommendations can help you achieve the best results with your food plots.

1. **Plot Screen** is best planted in late May to early June, depending on your area. It is vulnerable to a killing frost so you want to be sure not to plant too early. Does best in full sun, but can handle some shade.
2. **Plot Screen** grows in most any soil given proper sunlight, nutrients, and moisture but it prefers a moist but well drained heavier loam or clay soil. Before planting, condition the soil with a roto-tiller, plow, disc, or similar equipment to a depth of about 6".
3. As with any planting, weed control prior to planting is important and will reduce nutrient stealing weeds from competing with your plot. That being said, **Plot Screen** typically grows thick enough and tall enough to crowd out most weeds so if there was ever a situation where you can get by without spraying, this might be it.
4. Soil should be fertile with a pH of 5.5 to 7.5. If you are not sure of your soils fertility or pH, have your soil tested. Your local farm co-op or fertilizer dealer can usually help with this.

*A good fertilizer recommendation is 300-400 lbs/acre of 19-19-19. Like corn, Plot Screen loves nitrogen so any fertilizer you use should have a relatively high first number.

5. Using a hand or shoulder seeder, broadcast at 20-25lbs an acre. Remember a screen 16' wide by one ½ mile equals about an acre. An 8.5 lb bag is enough for a screen 16' by 900' long.

* If you use a grain drill, reduce the seeding rate to 15lbs an acre.

6. Lightly drag the field to cover the seed approximately ¼ to ½".

Important: Use a cultipacker, roller, or even your ATV tires to pack the field to insure good seed/soil contact.

Additional Information

*Planting just before a reasonable chance of rain will always help you achieve the best germination.

*Proper pH is important, but **Plot Screen** will tolerate acidic soils better than most blends.

*As with all food plots it is always easiest and cheapest to start with a weed free seed bed using glyphosate (Roundup). As mentioned above, killing weeds before planting will only help you get the most out of your screen.

*If you have sandy soil, **Plot Screen** is a great way to add organic material into your soil for the following growing season.

***Plot Screen** loves hot humid weather so July/August is when you will see your fastest growth.