

AlfalfaMAX Product Instructions

- 1. AlfalfaMAX can be planted in the spring, early summer, or in late summer.
- 2. Prepare plot by killing off existing vegetation with Roundup (glyphosate) according to label instructions. The more weeds you kill before planting, the fewer weed problems you will have in the plot.
- 3. Test the soil in the plot. **Ideal Ph for AlfalfaMAX is 6.5.** Apply lime and fertilizer according to recommendation from the testing service.
- 4. Disk the plot and then if necessary use a drag to level and smooth the soil.
- 5. Spread or plant AlfalfaMAX at a rate of 11 pounds per acre. AlfalfaMAX seeds are extremely small! If you are not familiar with how your seeder works with fine seed like alfalfa, we suggest you do a measured test area first to be sure your seeder is set correctly and spreading seed at the correct rate.

If broadcasting, it is often easier and more accurate to set the seeder at half of the recommended seeding rate ($\frac{1}{2}$ seeding rate = 5.5 pounds per acre for AlfalfaMAX) and then go over the plot <u>twice</u> to ensure even seeding.

6. AlfalfaMAX can be damaged and its growth held back by excessive deer grazing pressure while the plants are establishing. We recommend adding a "nurse crop" of oats or rye grain to protect the crop and ease deer grazing pressure.

In most areas, oats seeded at a rate of 50-100 pounds per acre are an excellent nurse crop and help the blend to grow faster by providing a fast growing, highly-desirable plant for the deer to eat while the blend establishes.

- 7. Compact the entire plot with a cultipacker (preferred) or with a flat roller to increase seed to soil contact. <u>Do NOT heavily disk the plot after planting!</u>
- 8. Germination depends largely on rainfall and temperatures. It is always better to plant on moist ground or right before a rainfall if possible.