



Instructions

Seedbed Preparation and Planting

For best results, complete all steps! Cutting corners in the planting process can negatively affect your results.

IMPORTANT!

Allow soil temperatures to warm before planting Turkey Select! Avoid any chance of frost after planting!

Site Selection

1. **Select an area with moderately to well drained soils and good sunlight.** Light, loamy soils are best. Avoid sites that don't hold moisture well such as hillsides and sites with soils that drain quickly. Avoid heavy clay if possible – it is more difficult for turkeys to scratch up the chufa tubers in heavy clay soil.

Seedbed Preparation

2. **Adjust Soil pH If Low.** If possible, perform a laboratory soil test for chufa planting. (High quality laboratory soil test kits are available from the Whitetail Institute.) Add any lime recommended in the lab's report to the seedbed. If you don't test your soil with a laboratory soil test kit, then add **a minimum of 250 pounds of lime per 1/4 acre.** Disk or till the lime into the seedbed. (Note: If possible, perform Step 2 several months in advance of planting. *Making sure soil pH is between 6.0 and 7.5 before you plant is the most important thing you can do to ensure food-plot success!*)
3. **Disk or Till The Seedbed.** Disk or till the seedbed. If weedy or new ground, then disk or till again a week later. Repeated tillage during seedbed preparation can help reduce amounts of dormant weed seed in the soil.
4. **Fertilize The Seedbed.** Before putting the seed out, add the fertilizer recommended in your soil-test report to the seedbed. If you didn't do a laboratory soil test, then add **100 pounds of 13-13-13 or equivalent fertilizer per 1/4 acre.** Lightly disk or till the fertilizer into the seedbed.

Planting

5. **Put Out The Seed.** Broadcast or drill seed at a rate of **10 pounds per 1/4 acre.** If a drill is used, plant at a depth of 1-2 inches. If a broadcast-type seeder is used, consider seeding in two separate passes across each other to help ensure even seed coverage.
6. **Cover The Seed To A Depth of 1-2 Inches.** If seed was broadcast (not drilled), then cover the seed with a harrow or drag-type implement to a depth of 1-2 inches.
7. **Fertilize the Stand Again Once Plants are 4-5 Inches Tall.** Once plants reach 4-5" in height, **add 25 pounds of 34-0-0 or equivalent per 1/4 acre** to enhance growth.

Additional Information

Chufa tops will turn brown as the nut-like tubers mature.

If chufa has not been planted in the site before, disk a strip through the plot after the tubers mature. This will expose the tubers in the strip, which can help turkey find them and scratch up the rest of the plot.

Crop rotation is recommended after planting chufa in the same site for two years.