

# **Planting Recommendations and Management for Imperial Edge**

**(These instructions are for the Imperial Edge food plot product not the Cutting Edge Nutritional Supplement)**

Follow all instructions below when planting Imperial Whitetail Edge. See our planting guide DVD for further details and instructions. Be sure to stay within the planting dates for your state (see planting chart). If you have questions regarding the following instructions, please contact the Whitetail Institute at (800) 688-3030 ext. 2 before proceeding.

## **For Best Results**

1. Select an area moderately well drained to medium/heavy soil. Stay away from moist low land. Edge also grows well on hilltops and hillsides that drain.
2. Soil test to determine fertilizer and lime requirements. Be sure the pH of the soil is between 6.5 and 7.5. Proper pH is a very important part of soil preparation. If no soil test is available, apply a minimum of 2 tons of lime and 400 pounds of 19-19-19 or equivalent fertilizer per acre. A heavy application of lime will maintain a neutral soil (7.0 pH) for several years. (Buy your lime in bulk, not in bags. Lime is very inexpensive when bought in bulk.)
3. Disk ground thoroughly to prepare a good seed bed. If weedy or new ground, disk again in 3-5 days. Edge must be planted on a well prepared seed bed.
4. Prepare a good, firm seed bed. For best results use a cultipacker or heavy roller to smooth and firm the seed bed. If no cultipacker is available, use a weighted drag to smooth and firm the seed bed (see DVD for details).
5. With a smooth firm seed bed prepared, broadcast 26 lbs. of seed per acre.
6. After broadcasting seed, use a cultipacker to roll over the field. This presses seed into the ground and helps insure better seed-to-soil contact and good germination. Do not cover seed more than 1/8-inch. **DO NOT DISK SEED INTO GROUND.** NOTICE: Again, we recommend use of a cultipacker.)
7. Remember, Imperial Whitetail Edge is a high-quality forage seed. Proper planting effort, favorable soil, weather conditions and good timing can contribute to the success of your planting, and the ultimate impact on the quality of your deer and wildlife.
8. After planting, place a small wire basket over a portion of Imperial Edge so wildlife can't graze that area. Watch the difference inside and outside the exclusion cage.
9. Do not plant during hot, dry weather.

## **Management**

(These management instructions are not required, but are strongly recommended for maximum performance and longevity of your Imperial Whitetail Edge food plots)

A. Depending on your deer and wildlife population and/or how much you plant, you may choose to mow Edge with a bush hog to clip the plot to about 6 inches. Mow your Edge in the spring and summer months when Edge reach about 10-12 inches tall. This will produce new tender, lush growth from the Edge. Mow everything down to about 6 inches high. Do not mow when it is hot and dry. Mowing will help promote new growth and keep unwanted weeds from seeding.

B. Once Imperial Whitetail Edge is established, fertilize once or twice a year using a 19-19-19 or similar fertilizer at the rate of 300 lbs. per acre. Spring and early fall are the best seasons to fertilize. Apply fertilizer when plants are dry.

C. Soil test every two to three years to ensure proper pH and fertility. You may need to add more lime every few years.

D. Arrest and Slay herbicides can be used for weed/grass control. Call the Whitetail Institute for specific herbicide recommendations for your area.