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Thank you for your interest in the “Frigid Forage” seed and nutritional product line! The following covers answers to commonly asked questions.

Q: How tolerant are your products to shade?

A: Frigid Forage products, especially the seed blends, are all somewhat shade tolerant. However, some are more tolerant than others. They all need to have some direct sunlight over portions of the day. The Frigid Forage Wild Game Buffet, which is our most shade tolerant, requires as little as a couple hours per day of direct sunlight. This is the mix we recommend for planting trails with, mainly because of the shading issues, but also because it is more durable. Trails tend to have ATV use which can cause erosion. Too much shade will produce nothing but ferns, so some sunlight is necessary.

Q: When is the best time to plant?

A: All of the Frigid Forage perennial seed mixes can be planted in the spring, summer, or fall. The only mix that is truly recommended for fall planting is the Autumn Quick Plot, and possibly the Big-N-Beasty Brassicas (late summer, early fall). All other mixes will do very well if planted in the spring. Monster Magnet is a great mix of annuals that is recommended for planting in the spring vs. the fall mainly because it contains a few plants that need time to mature (sugar beets, sunflowers, etc.), and if you want to get the full benefit from those plants, it is recommended to plant this mix in the spring or early summer.

Q: If the proposed food plot is heavily covered with grasses, and thick sod – what is the best way to prepare this area for planting of your products?

A: To prepare an area such as this, mow the grass fairly short, wait a couple of weeks and as the tender grasses begin re-growing, spray them with Round-up. Wait 4-5 days, then plow it, or till it under and plant your food

plot. Burning and then spraying is also beneficial. Burning releases into the soil many nutrients tied up in the dead grass. If the grass still comes back and starts choking out our food plot plants, spray it with a grass killing only herbicide. It kills just the grasses, and will not affect your “good” (broadleaf) plants. Heavy sod areas may take more of an effort to kill off the grasses, but the results are worth it. Soil derived from a heavy sod is very rich soil because it is high in organics and humus. Once the threat of the grass is removed, the food plot will thrive, and so will the wild game.

Q: What would work best on hillsides and other areas prone to erosion? And what would provide good ground cover for smaller game such as pheasants and rabbits?

A: Erosion issues are handled best by the Frigid Forage Wild Game Buffet. We put it on our trails for the same erosion issues, plus the deer, grouse and turkeys love it. The Monster Magnet provides good coverage and food for the smaller game. It contains many of the plants that pheasants love (i.e. sunflowers, beans, peas, etc), but it gets tall and gnarly (thick with lots of cover). That’s assuming your plot is large enough that the deer won’t mow it down. Another option is to seed your site with the Wild Game Buffet, Pure Trophy Clover, or The Wall Hanger at a slightly lesser rate than the recommended 8 lbs per acre. After seeding your plot, come behind and lightly seed over it (same seeding day) with sorghum (Milo). Pheasants love Milo for the food it produces, and for the coverage it provides. The rabbits will be there, too.

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