

Browntop Millet Seed

Browntop Millet Seed - Browntop Millet is most commonly used for game bird fields, erosion control and cover crop applications throughout the southern climates. Originating in South East Asia, brown top millet is a warm season annual grass that is suited well for the conditions of the southern United States. Primarily, it is used for hay, pastures, and forage. Brown top millet will grow from two to three feet tall to produce heavy seed yields in about sixty to seventy days after emergence. Game bird food plots should be planted after the last spring frost. Browntop will fully mature in 65 to 70 days. To feed your game birds throughout the summer and into the fall make sure to stagger the planting by three to four weeks. Plant dove fields just after July 4th in Florida to ensure mature seed is available prior to opening day of Dove season. Plant 10-20 lbs. per acre with 150-200 lbs. of fertilizer. As the plant matures mow off areas little at a time close to the ground to enable the birds to find the seed. Remember to mow a little at a time so your able to keep the birds in your field for the season.

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Planting

Planting should occur in early spring. The seeds should be planted in an area with a water table " or more below the surface from July to September. When planted in seed mixtures for grassing, brown top millet will germinate quickly and come in earlier. This provides stabilization of the soil while the grass continues to germinate and begins to take hold. Brown top millet seeds can be planted in broadcast or drilled fashion but must be packed into the soil half an inch.

Adaptations

In order to thrive, brown top millet should be planted in an area with well draining soils in warm season areas with slight acidity, typically in the 5.0 to 7.0 range. Brown top millet can also be grown in soils with low fertility.

Plant: 10-20 lbs. per acre

Fertilize: 150-250 lbs per acre