

ESTABLISHMENT SCHEDULE FOR WARM SEASON GRASSES (WSG)

PRE-PLANTING	<p>Fall</p> <p>Spring</p>	<p>Take a soil test. If the pH is below 5.0, apply lime to adjust the pH to 5.0 – 6.0 No-till into cover crop: Plant 20 -40 lb/ac of barley or oats. No-till into existing vegetation: Treat the field with Plateau, round-up or 2,4 -D. Mow first if weeds are over 2 ft. Conventional tillage: Treat the field with Plateau, Round-up or 2,4-D. Mow first if weed are over 2 ft.</p> <p>All planting methods: Treat field with Plateau, Round-up, Banvel or 2, 4-D. Do not us Banvel or 2, 4-D if you will be planting legumes or wildflowers with the WSG.</p>
PLANTING YEAR	<p>Mid-late Spring</p> <p>Late Spring – Fall</p>	<p>Apply P and K ONLY if soil test results indicate they are at the VERY LOW level. DO NOT APPLY NITROGEN.</p> <p>Mow to control weeds. Do not let weeds get above 12 inches tall. Mow to 4 – 6 inches or just above seedling heights. No not mow seedlings.</p>
SECOND YEAR	<p>Early Spring</p> <p>Mid Spring</p> <p>Late Spring-Mid Summer</p> <p>Fall</p>	<p>If cool season grasses persist and comprise more than 25% of the field, do one of the following until new growth appears on the WSG: Treat with an herbicide such as Round-up or Plateau OR mow severely (as close to the ground as possible)</p> <p>If cool season grass weeds comprise less than 25% of the field, you can apply 40-60 lb/ac of nitrogen to optimize growth.</p> <p>Continue mowing to control weeds. Mow to a height of about 8 inches.</p> <p>If perennial weeds comprise 25% or more of the field, do one of the following after the WSG are dormant: Treat with an herbicide OR mow severely.</p>
THIRD YEAR	<p>Early Spring</p> <p>Late Spring- Mid Summer</p> <p>Fall</p>	<p>If cool season grasses persist and comprise more than 25% of the field, do one of the following until new growth appears on the WSG: Treat with an herbicide such as Round-up or Plateau OR mow severely.</p> <p>Continue mowing to control weeds. Mow to a height of about 8 inches.</p> <p>If perennial weeds comprise 25% or more of the field, do one of the following after the WSG are dormant: Treat with an herbicide OR mow severely.</p>
FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND		<p>All management practices from this point on should be implemented outside of the primary nesting season (April 15 – August 15).</p> <p>Prescribed grazing is allowed during the nesting season. To ensure that some food and cover is always available, treatments should only be applied to one –third of the stand at a time.</p>