

Hello to Everyone,

For you do-it-yourselfers out there just a couple hints on this years growing season(or pains, depending on your situation)

This has been one of the most challenging years we have experienced. Rain, cold, more rain-many continue to have a difficult time getting to their projects.

Here is the good news.

Don't worry. Some have had to replant. I have done this three times already with my garden. I always hedge on planting and realize I might have to replant.

One common underlying concern of almost everyone I have worked with is deer and turkey damage. Another reason for having to replant.

The new turnip blend available is a good solution. This can be planted early or later as a deer attraction plot so as to keep them off other food-plots. I have been working on different species of food-plot that can be planted in July and August. Sunflower is a good example of an alternative deer food-plot. When sunflowers get about 9" tall they absorb a significant amount of trace minerals just before their growth really accelerates. This is when deer will hammer them. The result causes a significant reduction in seed maturity later in the year. Often times you need to plan on working that area up later in the year and reseed with a different variety. Buckwheat is another good choice for a new seeding but usually gets overgrazed early on.

At any rate it is still okay to keep on planting.

As always contact me if you have any questions.

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