

# 4-H FACE for *Wildlife* Contest

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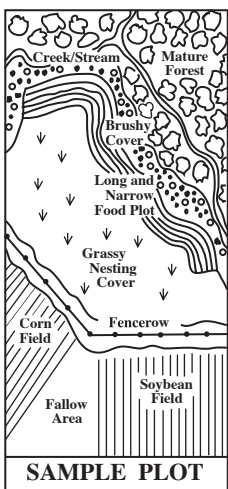
## Warm-Season Food Plots for Wildlife

FACE for wildlife means Food And Cover Establishment for wildlife. To enter this contest you must plant one plot and keep records on it for one year. You may win prizes, but most importantly, you will be enhancing habitat for wildlife.



### RULES

- Contestants must plant a seed mixture furnished by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. (These seeds have been inspected by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.)
- Contestants must be enrolled in the Wildlife Project to receive seed.
- Those receiving seed must enter one plot in the contest.
- Contestants may plant more than one plot, but they may enter only one plot in the contest.
- Only one, 5-pound bag of seed may be planted in the plot entered in the contest. No other seed may be added.
- 4-H members of all ages are eligible.
- A plot will be disqualified if damaged by livestock or mowed prior to judging.
- Complete records must be kept and submitted to the Extension agent when the plot is judged. Use the record form attached.



### PLOT JUDGING

Plots will be judged prior to September 1 by the Extension agent and/or a TWRA county officer.

County winners receive a gift valued at \$50 or more, a certificate and a one-year subscription to *TWRA Wildlife* magazine.

### PLANTING GUIDELINES

- Plant May 1 to June 15.
  - For best results, lime and fertilize according to soil test recommendations. (Extension agent will help you get your soil tested.)
  - Disk seedbed thoroughly. Broadcast one 5-pound seed bag, then disk lightly.
  - Plot should be from 1/8 acre to 1/4 acre in size.
  - The shape of the plot should be long and narrow. For example, a 1/8-acre strip is approximately 20 feet x 300 feet, and a 1/4-acre strip is approximately 30 feet x 350 feet. The plot does not have to be these exact dimensions — just long and narrow.
  - The plot should be situated within or along the edge of a field close to natural cover such as woods, fencerows, thickets, etc. Do not establish plots right next to woods, because you want to allow a “soft edge” of weedy vegetation (approx. 30-50 feet) to become established between the woods and the plot to provide additional cover and interspersions. Ideally plots should be within fields containing nesting cover (e.g., broomsedge, NOT tall fescue) and brooding cover (e.g., annual forbs). Plots should not be located very close to houses or other human activity, if possible. Also, two plots should not be placed close to each other. One plot will furnish supplemental food and cover over approximately 15 acres.
  - If natural cover is scarce, brushpiles may be created near the plot to make it more useful to wildlife.
- It is very important that plots be protected from livestock.**

# Records

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date plot was planted \_\_\_\_\_ Was a soil sample taken and tested?  Yes  No

Amount and kind of lime and fertilizer used \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of lime and fertilizer \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., 100 pounds of 6-12-12)

Other costs \_\_\_\_\_ List other items \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions of plot in feet \_\_\_\_\_ Area of plot in acres \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., 25 feet x 300 feet)

Describe how you prepared the seedbed \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., plowed, disked twice, broadcast seed and fertilizer, lightly covered seed by disking).

Describe the area where the plot is located \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., along the edge of an overgrown field containing broomsedge and blackberry).

Describe nearby cover \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., brushpile in one corner, fencerow of brambles and honeysuckle on the other side).

Wildlife observations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Include date, species and what the animal observed was doing. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Application for Seed | FACE for Wildlife Contest

Return this form to your county Extension office.

- I agree to establish a wildlife plot with the seed I receive.
- I agree to abide by the rules of the contest and to keep accurate records.

Signature of 4-H member \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_