## **DESTINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

## **Planting**

- 1. Select a site with moderately light to medium heavy soils.
- 2. For optimum results perform a laboratory soil test in advance of planting to determine lime and fertilizer requirements. If using Whitetail Institute's laboratory, check the Destination box on submittal form. If using another lab, test for oat, pea, brassica. Whitetail Institute's soil test submittal forms can be purchased and downloaded at: https://whitetailinstitute.com/soil-test-kit-download-version/ Do not skip this step proper pH is a very important part of soil preparation.
- **3.** Add the fertilizer and lime recommended by your soil-test report to the field. If no soil test is available, add 100 lbs. of 17-17-17 or equivalent fertilizer and 1000 lbs. of lime per 1/4 acre.
- 4. Lightly disk lime and fertilizer into seedbed to thoroughly mix the lime and fertilizer into the soil.
- **5.** Broadcast seed at a rate of 9 lbs. of seed per 1/4 acre. If you use a hand spreader, adjust the opening to about 1/4 inch. This adjustment will ensure proper distribution of seeds.

HELPFUL HINT: TO ASSURE COMPLETE, EVEN COVERAGE, IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO PUT ONE HALF THE AMOUNT OF SEED REQUIRED FOR THE PLOT INTO THE SPREADER AND TRY TO COVER THE ENTIRE PLOT WITH IT, AND THEN REPEAT THE PROCESS, BUT APPLY THE REMAINING SEED FROM A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

- 7. Lightly drag over the seed just enough to cover no more than a 1/2 inch. DO NOT DISK SEED IN.
- **8. Optional:** After planting, place a small wire basket over a portion of your Destination so wildlife can't graze that area. Watch the difference inside and outside the basket.