

1 **Land Management:
4 Must Haves**

9 **Improve Hunting Success**

Land management components:

1. Food
2. Water
3. Cover (forestry)
4. Sanctuary

11 **FOOD**

Advantages:

- Provide year-round food source for deer
- Attract and hold deer in your property
- Provide opportunity to observe the deer
- Create a stand location & access that you can hunt

12 **Spring/Summer Food Sources**

Perennials:

- Alfalfa, Clovers, Chicory, Clover Mixes

Locations:

- Small plots
- Large fields (1/3 split)

Care:

- Fertilize in spring
- Replant every 3-5 years

13 **Fall/Winter Food Sources**

Spring Planting:

- Corn, Milo, Sorghum, Sunflowers

Late Summer Planting:

- Brassica Mixes, Radishes, Turnips, Winter Peas, Winter Wheat

Locations:

- Large fields (2/3 split)

Care:

- Replant every year; fertilize; check pH

18 **WATER**

Advantages of Good Water Sources

- Increased mineral content
- Still water where animals feel safer than in moving water
- Hydration, especially during drought and breeding

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- 1 • Size:
 - 15x15, 20x20
 - 3.5 to 4 ft deep
 - Turnover at 39 degrees
- Materials:
 - Bentonite or Common Clay
 - Specialty Pond Liners & Mats
- Avoid:
 - Plastic landscape ponds & kiddie pools
 - Thin rubber/plastic liners or tarps
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24 **COVER****Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)**

1. More healthy “good” trees = increased food production
2. Downed timber creates bedding areas & browse
3. New undergrowth creates thick cover and browse

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Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)

- Stump cutting vs hinge cutting
 - Tree type
 - Travel corridor vs bedding area
- Getting Started
 - Work with state forester
 - Grants may be available
 - Do in phases

28 **SANCTUARY**

- Reduce pressure & provide security
- 2 to 50 acre restricted areas-No Hunting zones
- Provide thick cover – no food or water

- Limited human traffic after mid-end July
 - Bachelor groups breaking up and mature deer establishing home range
- If needed, check cameras every 3 wks – only at certain times – rain, midday
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