

RECREATIONAL LEASE MANAGEMENT (RLM)

Food Plot Rental Program – South Region

Food Plots are very popular with many hunting clubs. They provide many benefits including:

- Improving the overall habitat quality of your hunting lease by increasing the amount of high quality forage,
- Providing permanent food plots which increase habitat diversity in forested landscapes,
- Providing the hunter more time to view animals, facilitating better harvest decisions.

After obtaining Weyerhaeuser’s written approval, clubs can plant many areas at no charge on their Weyerhaeuser lease, such as old logging decks, rows where timber has been removed following timber thinning, and powerline rights-of-way. However, these receive no protection from future forest management activities, including timber harvest or aerial spraying of herbicides. In response to requests from many clubs for permanent and protected plots, the company developed the **Food Plot Rental Program**.

Notice: *Food Plots or any hunting activity that results in tillage or digging on rights-of-ways that carry gas lines, oil lines, or large water lines servicing municipalities **must** be approved in advance by the Weyerhaeuser Recreational Lease Manager in your area.*

Key Characteristics of the Food Plot Rental Program:

- Clubs can identify areas of their lease, subject to Weyerhaeuser approval, which they would like to convert into Food Plots.
- Weyerhaeuser retains the right to deny any request.
- Food Plots registered in the program will be protected from timber management activities.
- Be aware that enrollment in the program is a long-term commitment. Clubs cannot dis-enroll a plot unless it can be incorporated into an adjacent timber plantation. In many cases, this could require clubs to pay for the Food Plot for 25 years or more.
- **Costs:**

Area Being Converted Into Food Plot	Yearly Rental Cost
Area has been clear-cut, but not site prepped or planted	\$120/acre/year
Area has been site prepped or has trees up to 2 years of age	\$160/acre/year

- Sign up deadline is April 1st and August 15th. Weyerhaeuser personnel will inspect the requested food plot areas shortly after this date. We strongly recommend clubs sign up for Food Plots as soon as the clear-cut harvest is complete. Weyerhaeuser is under no obligation to approve any Food Plot and may withhold its approval in Weyerhaeuser’s sole and absolute discretion.
- Weyerhaeuser may terminate the Food Plot at any time for any or no reason with at least a 5 day notice to the club.

Food Plot Size, Shape, Location, and Maintenance

- Clubs must request a minimum of 2 total acres of rental Food Plots (note: small clubs leasing less than 200 acres may request one or more acres in plots).
- Each individual plot must be a minimum of ½ acre. Food Plots less than ½ acre will be charged for a full ½ acre.
- Food Plots must be approximately square shaped, round, or rectangular. Plots which are extremely long/linear or which have complex shapes cannot be protected from aerial forest treatments and will not be approved.
- Food Plots should be situated on flat or nearly flat terrain to prevent erosion.
- Food Plots should be located at least 50 feet away from any stream, pond, or other sensitive site.
- Clubs are responsible for the cost to clear and maintain Food Plots.
- Food Plots are to be maintained as openings. At a minimum, they must be mowed annually. Failure to maintain the Food Plot could result in penalties or loss of lease.
- Enlargement of any Food Plot without prior approval will result in penalties to include loss of timber and future timber revenue.
- Once approved the club will be mailed signs to post around the Food Plot. These signs must be installed to help prevent damage to the site.
- Weyerhaeuser reserves the right to impose additional conditions and/or obligations associated with the Food Plot in Weyerhaeuser's sole and absolute discretion.
- **Clubs are responsible for any site damage caused by inappropriate clearing practices.**

How to enroll in the Food Plot Rental Program:

1. On your hunting lease, heavily flag the perimeter of each Food Plot you would like to create.
 2. Calculate the area of each plot to the nearest 1/10th of an acre. Remember, each plot should be a minimum of ½ acre. Area may be calculated using a GPS or by measuring the length and width of the plot. (For reference: One acre equals 43,560 ft². A square food plot that is 210 feet on each side is 1 acre in size. A food plot that is 435 feet long and 100 feet wide is 1 acre in size).
 3. Record the acreage of each plot in the table on the food plot request form found below.
 4. On a map of your lease, mark the location of each food plot with the food plot number that corresponds with the table on the request form (ex: food plot #1 in the table of the Food Plot Request Form should be #1 on the map). **A map must be provided.**
 5. Use a GPS/smart phone app to determine the latitude/longitude of each corner of the Food Plot.
 6. Send the request form to the point of contact listed at the bottom of this page. After the Food Plot deadlines listed below, you will be contacted with notification either to proceed with planting or notified of needed adjustments.
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Food Plot Rental Program- REQUEST FORM

Sign-Up Deadline: April 1st & August 15th each year

Lease Number: _____ Date: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Contact: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Total Lease Acreage: _____ # Food Plots requested: _____

Record the acreage of each Food Plot in the table below. On your lease map, make sure to denote the location of each plot by writing the Food Plot # that corresponds to its number in the table.

Food Plot Number	Food Plot Acres (to nearest 1/10 th acre)	Latitude/longitude of the four corners for each Food Plot
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Please submit this completed form and lease map to your Lease Administrator for processing.

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