

## CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING FOOD PLOT LOCATIONS

No matter what your objectives for planning food plots may be, there are some basic criteria to consider before choosing the ideal locations. Equipment access, adjacent habitat, slope, shading, and visibility from public roads can affect the success of your food plots.


Establishing and maintaining a food plot requires considerable use of equipment. Access for a tractor, ATV, and a lime truck can all be important to properly managing your food plots.

Adjacent habitat is another important consideration when choosing locations for food plots. Planting alongside early succession cover will help encourage the use of food plots by many wildlife species.

Slope has a big impact on soil quality. Flat sites have a lower potential for erosion while retaining more moisture and nutrients.

Shading is important and will depend on the desired crop you have in mind. For instance, South and West-facing slopes and ridge tops receive more sunlight than North and East-facing slopes and bottomlands. Topographic maps and aerial photos are good tools to have when considering slope and shading.

Lastly, you want to be sure that your food plot locations are free from the visibility of public roads and property boundary lines. This will decrease the likelihood of trespassing and poaching.

The above recommendations should improve the quality of your food plots. Good luck on the coming hunting season. 



## MARKET TRENDS

Pine Sawtimber – Prices are still flat. Over supply.

Pine Poles – Prices are steady


Pine Chip-n-Saw – Prices are fair.

Oversupply of raw material

Pine Canterwood – Fair market

Pine Pulpwood – Medium demand in SW Alabama. Poor in NW Alabama.


Hardwood Sawtimber – Still good prices. Some crosstie mills do not have good orders like they had been receiving.

Hardwood Pulpwood – Same as Pine Pulpwood (above) 

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