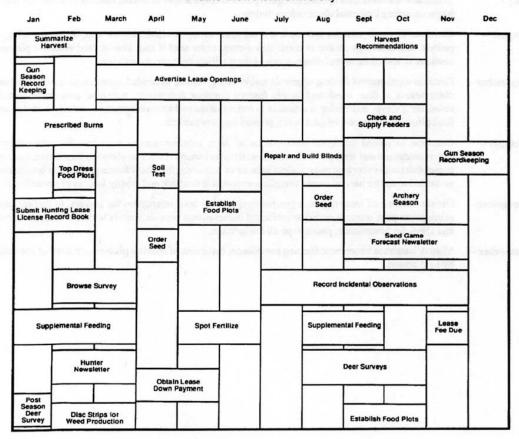


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## **TEXAS DEER MANAGEMENT CALENDAR**

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## **Description of Management Activities**

- January Monitor hunters to insure recordkeeping compliance. Summarize harvest records from previous season; analyze and compare with defined goals; conduct post-season deer survey if desired; forward hunting lease license record book to TPWD; supply supplemental feed for energy if intensive management is practiced; conduct prescribed burns.
- February Continue to summarize harvest records and compare to goals; conduct browse surveys; continue to conduct prescribed burns; top dress small grain food plots with nitrogen fertilizer; send short newsletter to hunters describing previous season; continue to supply supplemental feed for energy if intensive management is practiced; disc strips to encourage forb (weed) production; forward hunting lease license record book if not done in January.

Conduct browse surveys prior to spring green-up; supplementally feed energy source prior to spring March green-up if intensive management is practiced; continue to disc to promote weed growth; send newsletter to hunters if not done in February; begin advertising lease openings. April -Continue to advertise lease openings; soil test if warm season food plots are planned; order necessary seed and fertilizer; begin billing hunters for lease down payments. Continue to advertise lease openings; begin to establish 1 to 3 percent of land base in warm season food Mayplots; spot fertilize selected areas of rangeland/forestland if appropriate; complete billing and collection of down payments. June -Continue to advertise lease openings; continue to establish warm season food plots; continue to spot fertilize if appropriate. Continue to advertise lease openings; begin repair and construction of blinds, hunting vehicles and roads; July begin recording incidental observations of deer. Continue to repair vehicles and roads and construct or repair blinds; initiate supplemental feeding of August protein and/or energy source as conditions dictate; order seed if cool season food plots are planned; continue to record incidental observations of deer; initiate deer survey activities. Continue supplemental feeding of protein and/or energy source as needed; continue to record incidental September observations of deer; check and supply feeders; continue deer survey activities; send game forecast newsletter if survey information is available to formulate harvest recommendations; establish cool season food plots (1 to 3 percent of land base); prepare for bow hunters. Continue to record incidental observations of deer; continue survey activities; formulate harvest October recommendations and send game forecast newsletter to hunters if not completed in September; continue to establish cool season food plots; collect balance of lease fees from bow hunters; check on bow hunters as needed to insure harvest record compliance; continue to check and supply feeders as needed. Obtain balance of lease fee from gun hunters; provide brief orientation for hunters, to include game November management plan; continue recording incidental observations; provide hunters with harvest record forms and check for compliance; photograph all bucks taken. Monitor hunters to insure recordkeeping compliance; make note of specific problems in need of correction December by next season.

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