SPRING BARLEY

Barley can be used as a cover crop in the spring or planted in the fall to provide a fall forage for deer. Winter barley is the most susceptible to winterkill of the cereal grains. Consideration should be made when grazing late into the fall. Barley’s value as a silage crop is the most comparable to whole-plant corn (90-100%).

**Planting:** Use conventional and No-till planters. Early planting allows for slow, steady growth, preserved moisture, and reduced evaporation.

- **Northern Zone:** March - April
- **Transitional Zone:** March - April
- **Southern Zone:** Not recommended

**Planting Depth:** 1/2 inch

**Amount of Sunlight:** Full

**Soil pH:** 5.8 +

**Soil Type:** Any