## **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



