

# Hohl's Friendly Service July

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#### ECO FLAKE SHAVINGS – Not Just Bedding; Economical Replacement for Straw!

Eco Flake shavings are an eco-friendly, softwood byproduct that is obtained when wood is shaped or planed using carpentry tools or machines like planers and milling machines. These shavings are then kiln-dried.

Shavings are typically used for animal bedding because pine has naturally occurring, odor-absorbing oils that have antibacterial and ammonia-reducing properties which give pine its great aromatic scent. Studies show that it also repels flies, fleas and other insects.

#### Pros to spreading over grass seed, instead of straw:

- Shavings break down much quicker than straw, leaving only the lush green grass to see; whereas, you will still see straw a year after planting the grass.
- Due to the natural insecticidal properties, this may give you a healthier lawn and be an added protection for children and pets playing on your lawn.
- No mess when hauling Eco Flake shavings are sold in plastic bags; hauling straw can be messy.
- Shavings go farther than a bale of straw. You need very little to cover the seed to keep the birds from eating them. 1 package of Eco Flake shavings is approximately equivalent to 1 ½ bales of straw; making it more affordable.
- No seeds! Although there are very few seeds in good straw, you will have only the planted grass seeds.





### July Marks our 42nd Anniversary

Hohl's stands apart from the rest, for our Friendly, Customer Service and Knowledge: If we don't know the answer, we have the resources to get the answers. We even load your vehicle with a Smile!

**MISSION** - USA Farm Goodness: Quality Products, Consistent Results, Exceptional Service. Homegrown Dedication from our Family to Yours!



We carry a wide variety of fertilizers for your Grass, Crop and Food Plot needs. Our staff is trained to help you identify what is best for your soil type, along with giving you basic application rates.





### Food Plot 101:

### Keeping track of your Food plots can save you time and money. Here is an example of how to manage your plots.

Name: South Trail Food PlotSize: Approximately 1 Acre (8'x5280')New Trail: Plan to keep for 5 years as a trail through partially wooded area to Main Food

Plot Area.

Seeded With: Creeping Red Fescue and Ladino Clover (Perennial) Date Planted: March 2020

Fertilized with: Pelletized Lime and 4-10-40 Amount: 150# each (no soil test)Maintenance: Mow down to 6" height as needed (before any weed seed heads form).Have a soil test done in 2021. Apply fertilizer and lime as needed per soil test recommendations. Yearly, over-seed any patchy areas.

#### Main Food Plot Acre - Split in 3 parts (16,000 + 13,780+13,780)

Fertilized Whole area with: 10-10-10 Amount: 200#/Acre (No Soil Test)

Name: 1) North side by road Size: 16,000 Sq. Ft. (8'x2000') Barrier between Plot and Road

**Seeded With:** Peredovik Sunflowers (Annual) **Date Planted:** June 2020 **Maintenance:** Obtain soil test in 2021. If conditions optimal conditions can be reached for a Perennial Habitat Hideaway to be planted, do so. If soil needs a lot of work, fertilize according to the soil test recommendations and plant the Annual Habitat Hideaway, or Forage Sorghum (Egyptian Wheat) in 2021. By 2022 Soil should be ready for the Perennial Habitat Hideaway. After that is planted, minimal maintenance needed. Test soil every three years and follow soil recommendations.

Name: 2) East Plot Size: 13,780 Sq. Ft. Seeded With: Hohl's Wildlife Mix (Perennial) Date Planted: April 2020 Maintenance: Obtain soil test in 2021. Follow fertilizer and lime recommendations from soil test. Mow down to 6" height as needed (before any weed seed heads form). Keep this for 2 years, then move the Fall Mix to the East Plot in the fall for proper rotation.

Name: 3) West Plot Size: 13,780 Sq. Ft Seeded With: Hohl's Fall Mix (Annual) Date Planted: August 2020 Maintenance: Round-up area in July and Spread Pelletized Lime and more 10-10-10 prior to planting. Repeat for 2 years, then move the Fall Mix to the East Plot in the fall for proper rotation. In the spring of 2022, plant according to new soil test recommendations. You may need to plant an annual this year; then go to a perennial after that for 2-3 years.

Hohl's is putting together forms to assist you in this process; they will be available in July.

### STORE HOURS MON-FRI: 8-5 & SAT: 8-2

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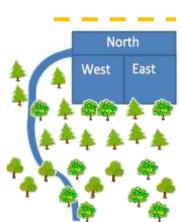
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**PLANNING YOUR** 

FALL FOOD PLOT