Cowpeas
(*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp.)

**Varieties:**
Colossus, Freezegreen, Alabama Giant Blackeye, Mississippi Pinkeye Purple Hull

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**Growth Habit:**
Warm Season Annual

**Area of Adaptation:**
North, Central, South

**Soil Type:**
Well-drained, fertile

**pH Range:**
5.5-6.5

**Seeding Rate (lb/A) PLS:**
Rows: 30-40  B: 100-120

**Seeding Depth (in):**
1-3

**Seed Quality (%Germ, Purity, Weed)**
80  98  0.25

**Seed/Pound:**
4,000

**Seedling Vigor:**

**Inoculant Group:**
Cowpea

**Planting Date:**
May 1 – June 15

**Major Uses:**
Pasture, Hay

**General Fertility Rec (pasture):**
30-50-50

**Seasonal Production:**
June to August

**Tolerance:**
Low fertility, Soil Acidity

**Special Notes:**
Most commonly used for soil improvement and wildlife plantings

*Recommendations are based on regional variety test(s) from surrounding states and can be locale specific, further studying before choosing variety is best*