



WV Woods

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At the “Woodland Owner Regional Workshop” recently held, on September 17, 2011, on the property of Nick Casto in Morgan County. Nick explained to the 50 folks in attendance, how to successfully establish and maintain wildlife food plots and tree plantings. He explained the importance of soil tests to determine any minerals that may need to be added to create soil fertility. Nick also explained what types of plant species to plant such as red clover, crab-pear trees, etc. and how to protect planted trees from damage by wildlife with wire cages and wrapping the main stems (Picture 1).

Nick additionally explained the importance access roads, tree thinning and timber harvests. During lunch, both Nick and Sheldon Owen, WVU Wildlife Extension Specialist discussed Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and how it affects deer health and how to manage deer in areas where the disease exists. All in all it was a fantastic day and discussion continued even after the event concluded. For more information on these topics contact Nick Casto at: nickcasto@atlanticbb.net



Picture 1: Nick Casto explaining to this woodland owner group how to establish a wildlife food plot and what to plant in it to attract wildlife. He also demonstrated methods to protect fruit bearing trees planted within and on the edges of wildlife food plots from wildlife damage such as putting wire cages around the main stems of the trees and placing pieces of glass around the roots of the trees.