

## Cowpeas

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



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### 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