

Spring Is Prime Time For Minerals

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When the birds are chirping and the trees are beginning to bloom, few hunters are thinking about deer hunting or related items. At this time it's usually about turkeys and fish unless you are a diehard deer hunter. In the early spring deer are worn down from winter and are looking for high-protein foods to quickly build their body mass. Does are trying to prepare to nurse their fawns, and bucks are preparing to start growing new racks. At this period in the life of a deer the minerals they need are very important. There are several ways to aid your herd to better health. One way as we all well know is to build food plots and hope for cooperative weather. Another is to feed a grain or food of some sort. But the most overlooked method is to provide minerals.

There is a fairly new product on the market called Tag-Out. It is a blend of several different minerals in a powder form when added with water and poured on the ground is very attractive and beneficial to deer. Some of the minerals are calcium, phosphorous and selenium. Tag-Out only contains one percent sodium as compared to other deer mineral supplements and it contains no flavoring or food additives, which in some states is illegal to hunt near. One year ago I was introduced to Tag-Out. At first I was skeptical because I had tried numerous mineral supplements with no success. The only thing that really had my attention was the low content of salt and no flavoring. I really didn't expect much. Regardless I applied the jug of Tag-Out in one of my hot spots near a small pond with a trail camera monitoring the situation. Two days after applying the mineral I got impatient and decided to go check my camera. Un believably I had three different bucks already using the site one of which would probably score around 230". At first I thought it was a fluke so I applied it in several more locations on different properties and each location had big bucks and does using the Tag-Out regularly. Though bucks and does both used the sites it seemed that bucks were the most aggressive to use it. I can't tell you why but that is how it turned out.

As with most deer mineral supplements spring and summer are the peak times for mineral consumption but Tag-Out has proven to be attractive even during the winter months. When the ground was frozen solid and the deer couldn't dig through the soil they just licked the surface to get what minerals they could. I was truly impressed with the results thus this article.

Tag-Out would be a great addition to anyone's management plan on their property. Use it with food plots or by itself. You will have healthier deer and bigger bucks popping up under your stand.