

# October Management Recommendations

## Fire Ecology

- Prescribe burn for site preparation before planting pine trees.

## Forestry

- Apply fall herbicides for control of hardwoods.

## Game Bird

- Train dogs
- Condition horses and mules
- Mow/chop hunting lanes
- Begin disking of weed fields after 15<sup>th</sup> of month
- Conduct nest predator surveys
- Conduct covey call counts to estimate population and predict sustainable harvest
- Supplemental feed at 1 bu/ac/yr
- Apply herbicides for hardwoods
- Apply herbicides for exotic grasses
- Plant winter wheat if used in fields

## Land Management

- Update farm records with your county Farm Service Agency (FSA) to ensure application requirements for Farm Bill programs are met.
- Continue planting fall food plots, if rainfall is sufficient and if needed.
- Fertilize cool season food plots for deer and turkey.
- Mow native warm season grasses to 10 inches in height, if intending to burn them this winter.
- Consider collecting seed from native warm season grasses, such as lopsided Indian grass, to reseed other areas of your property.
- Mow mature millet for second phase of dove harvest.
- Avoid disturbance around wetlands as flatwoods salamanders move to breeding ponds during first heavy rains of October.