

Fig. 4: Hard Mast Producers for Wild Turkeys

	Average Number of Seeds Per Pound/Average Number Pounds Per Tree	Minimum Age of Production	Interval Between Large Crops (Years)
White Oaks			
White oak	120/8	20	4-10
Post oak	380/6	25	2-3
Chestnut oak	100/—	20	2-3
Swamp chestnut oak	85/—	20	3-5
Red Oaks			
Blackjack oak	210/—	25	2-3
Bluejack oak	100/—	25	2-3
Dwarf live oak	—/—	4	—
Laurel oak	560/11	15	1
Live oak	352/—	25	1
Northern red oak	380/—	25	2-3
Runner oak	360/—	4	—
Southern red oak	540/—	25	1-2
Water oak	395/45	20	1-2
Willow oak	462/40	20	1
Other Hard Mast			
American beech	1,600/—	40	2-3
Eastern Hophornbeam ¹	30,000/—	25	—
Soft Mast			
American beautyberry	32,500/5	2	1-2
Black cherry	4,800/—	5	1-5
Black tupelo	3,380/—	—	—
Dogwood	4,500/2	6	1-2
Huckleberry	4,300/—	15	—
Gallberry	29,000/—	5	1-2
Persimmon	1,200/—	10	2
Plum	4,240/—	5	1-5
Wild grape	14,500/—	4	—

¹Seeds high (15%) in crude protein.

(Source: Southern Fruit-Producing Woody Plants Used by Wildlife, Halls 1977; and USDA Silvics of North America, Volume 2, 1990)