Red Clover

Trifolium pratense

One of the most important legumes in temperate agriculture

Ratings

Yield

Persistency

Winter hardiness

Spring growth (early)

Ground cover

Grazing tolerance

Mixture adaptation

Density

Red Clover thrives well in a wide range of soils except very light, acidic or water-logged soil. It has a deep rooted system which makes it drought tolerant.

Red Clover is an important component of clover/grass mixtures for short to medium term conservation leys.

The tetraploid varieties are more vigorous and leafy in growth.

The advantage of Red Clover is that it is a very vigorous crop capable of fixing up to 250kg/ha of nitrogen in its first full year.

Red Clover usually lasts for 3 years and is used mainly in cutting mixtures. Yields over the 3 years can average out at 13 tonnes of dry matter per hectare.

Red Clover is assailed by eelworm and *Sclerotinia* (Clover Rot); **Our Red Clover blend consists of varieties that are resistant to both**

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