



Dixie Crimson Clover

FEATURES

- Reseeding variety
- Can reach 2.5' in height
- Fine, fibrous root structure

Crimson clover is an overwintering annual usually grown as a cover crop that is best seeded after wheat. When planting, be sure to allow six to eight weeks of growth before a freeze. Crimson clover can be grazed or hayed in the spring. This species is known for its fine, fibrous root system, shade tolerance, and quick establishment.

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Plant type: Annual Legume

Planting dates: Aug-Sept

Soil pH: 4.8-8.2

Soil adaption: Adapted to wide variety of soils as long as soil is well drained

Planting depth: 1/8"-1/4"

Approximate seeds/lb: 150,000

Seeding rate: 20 lbs/A ; 8-10 lbs/A mix

Days to germination: 7-10

Main usage: Hay, pasture, soil improvement, cover crop

Height at maturity: 24"-36"

Length of stand: weak biennial

Reproduces by: Seed

Pounds per bushel: 60

Precautions: Bloat potential



Crimson clover has a wonderful fibrous root system, making it a great cover crop.

CRIMSON CLOVER IN CROP ROTATIONS

Crimson Clover in Corn: Crimson clover's higher than average shade tolerance means that seedlings survive in corn when planted at the V4 to V8 corn leaf stage. Until the canopy opens as the corn matures, there is little clover growth and, therefore, no significant competition with the growing corn plant. Clover growth following corn harvest can be rapid, and in a warm, moist year beautiful, bright red flowers may develop prior to first freeze.

Crimson Clover in Soybeans: Overseeding by highboy at leaf drop is recommended.

Crimson Clover in Wheat: Unlike red clover, crimson does not do well frost-seeded into wheat or established small grains. Instead, crimson clover does best when planted after wheat is harvested.

Crimson Clover in Short-Season Crops: Crimson clover has been used effectively to suppress weeds when planted in the early fall, following a short-season crop such as potatoes, snap beans, vegetables, or following winter wheat. Planting with a grass such as oats gives additional weed control.