

Red Clover

Trifolium pratense



Red Clover is a legume that can be a Biennial or short-lived Perennial. It is mainly used for forage, alone or in mixtures with grasses. It likes most well drained sites and will handle higher pH soils. The rose/pink flowers atop numerous stems make Red Clover a great habitat plant as well. Medium Red Clover is more palatable and considered a “2 cut” clover as it matures earlier and recovers faster. Mammoth Red Clover is usually only cut once and is coarser, but is longer lived than Medium. Seed in Spring or Late Summer. Red Clover is good for soil building or adding diversity and nitrogen to CRP seedings. A field of red clover is an important resource for bumble bees. Honey bees have a shorter proboscis that cannot reach into the long flowers of red clover, so they will leave red clover to the bumble bees. Since bumble bees nest in the ground, it is to a grower’s advantage to leave some wild areas near the planting of clover. Honey bees have some influence on seed yield, but bumble bees ensure a good seed crop.

Seeding Rate: Drilled: 10-12 Lbs. / Ac | Broadcast: 1 Lb. / 1,800 sq ft

Height Range (inches): 12 - 36

Seeds Per Pound: 275,000

Taxonomy

Species: pratense

Genus: Trifolium

Family: Fabaceae

Order: Fabales

Subclass: Rosidae

Class: Magnoliopsida

Division: Magnoliophyta

Subkingdom: Tracheobionta

Kingdom: Plantae



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