

Technical Data and Information Product Sheet

WHITE DUTCH CLOVER (Trifolium repens)

DESCRIPTION

White Clover is the world's most popular clover and is widely adapted within the United States. White Dutch Clover is a strain of white clover that originated in Holland. It is a low growing perennial that is best suited to moist, well-drained, fertile soils. Being a legume, white clover is able to take nitrogen from the air and fix it in the soil through action of bacteria on their roots. Many years ago white clover was a component of turfgrass mixtures only to fall out of favor with the introduction of selective herbicides. Today they are once again gaining popularity as a more eco friendly addition to lawns as white clover can supply up to 1/3 of the nitrogen needs for grasses. It produces white flowers throughout the year and develops prostrate stems that root freely. Grows 4-8 inches high.

CHARACTERISTICS

Features Widely adapted Pollinator Perennial low growing ground cover Rapid germination Legume, nitrogen fixing

Benefits

Grows throughout the U.S. Attracts bees, butterflies and beneficial insects Mixes well with turfgrasses Quick establishment controls weed infestation Low maintenance/Low fertilizer requirement

USES

White Dutch Clover is widely used for:

- * Pastures
- * Turfgrass Mixtures

*Erosion Control *Soil Improvement (Green Manure) *Honeybee Pollination *Cover Crops

SEEDING RATES

Because of a high seed count, white clover should be only 5% of a turfgrass seed mix. If seeding alone seed at the rate of 2 ounces per 1,000 square feet.

For pasture seed at the rate of 2 pounds per acre, erosion control at 6-8 pounds per acre.

ESTABLISHMENT

In southern climates seed in late winter to early spring and late summer to early fall. In northern climates seed in late winter to early spring or when temperature is 40° or greater at night. Clover does best with a soil pH between 6.0 and 7.0. If pH is low add lime to adjust. Germination in 7-14 days under optimal temperature and moisture conditions.

SPECIFICATIONS

White Dutch Clover (*Trifolium repens*) 95% Minimum purity 80% Minimum germination 800,000 seeds per pound



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