



## RED CLOVER

Producers may know that cover crops benefit the soil and agricultural operations, but do they know the benefits of each species? Each month a different cover crop species will be highlighted to provide producers with information needed to successfully grow cover crops or alternative forages on their operation.

### AT A GLANCE

- Frost-seeded cover crop option
- Winter-hardy and able to survive cold temperatures
- Tolerant to heat and shade, adaptable to various climates
- Ideal for interseeding with grains or other crops
- Commonly used in rotations for soil improvement

### PLANTING DETAILS

- Seeds/lb: 270,000 - 275,000
- Planting depth: 1/4 - 1/2"
- Planting dates:
  - N of I-94: April 15-September 1
  - S of I-94: April 1-September 15
- Rate per acre: 8-12 lbs/acre
- Min germination temp: 41 F

### ABOUT RED CLOVER

- Perennial legume cover crop.
- Grows well in cool weather and establishes quickly.
- Fixes nitrogen in the soil, improving fertility.
- Provides forage for livestock

### BENEFITS

#### Versatile

Red Clover can be planted with a variety of other seeds to enhance soil health and improve the benefits of the cover crop mix. Some common seeds to plant with red clover include: Winter Wheat, Oats Barley, Peas, and more.

#### Soil Health

Red Clover helps suppress weeds by providing ground cover. It also supports beneficial insects and pollinators with its flowers.



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