

Crimson Clover

Trifolium incarnatum



Description

Winter annual legume 1 to 3 feet tall with dark green leaves densely covered with hairs.

Uses

Hay, silage, soil improvement.

Advantages

Nitrogen fixation, improves protein content of small grain silage. Will grow at lower temperatures than do other clovers.

Disadvantages

Short growing season, unpalatable as pasture, low quality when mature. Not adapted to poorly drained soils.

Seeding

Rate: 20-30 lb/a

Depth: ¼ -½ in

Date: Aug 1-Oct 15

Harvest

First harvest: May 1-May 15

Annual yield: 1-2 tons/dry matter/a



Crimson clover is a winter annual legume with long, cylindrical seed heads that are deep red in color. No V-shaped pattern like red clover, very hairy stems.