



PLANT HARDINESS ZONE 4 DATASET

### **COVER CROP DESCRIPTION**

Also known as Egyptian clover. Used as a summer annual in the Northeast US. Least cold-hardy clover. Does not do well on droughty soils due to its shallow root system. Excellent N producer. High biomass and N production potential. Inoculate the seed with appropriate Rhizobium spp. Good in mixes with other species that winter-kill, especially grasses such as oats.





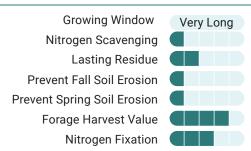


Clover, Berseem - Salon [2020]



Clover, Berseem - Larson [2020]

# **GOALS**

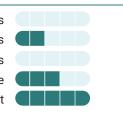


Penetrates Plow Pan **Reduces Surface Compaction** Improve Soil Organic Matter Increase Soil Aggregation **Good Grazing** Pollinator Food



### **WEEDS**

Residue Suppresses Summer Annual Weeds **Outcompetes Summer Annual Weeds** Suppresses Winter Annual Weeds Persistence Volunteer Establishment



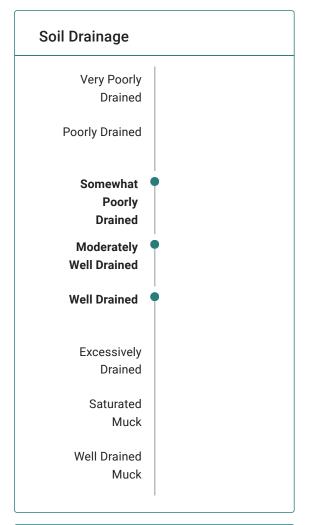
# **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** Low Fertility Drought Heat Shade

Flood Salinity

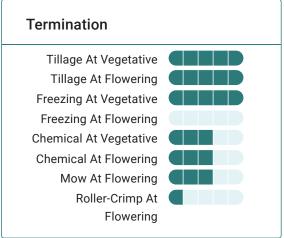


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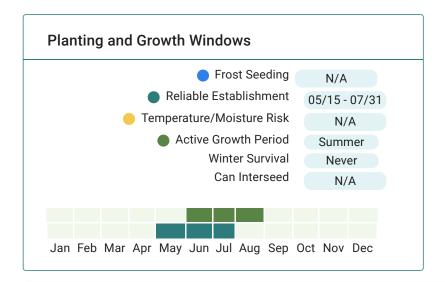








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# **Extended Comments**

Nematodes: Host for root-knot and soybean cyst nematode

**Pollinators:** Delay termination until at least 30-50% bloom to maximize value to pollinators.

Termination: If using herbicides to terminate use a tank mixture (e.g., glyphosate + dicamba or 2,4-d)

# **References & Resources**

**Cover Crops for Home Gardens**, University of Maine Cooperative Extension Selected Green Manures and Cover Crops for Maine, University of Maine