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Trifolium alexandrinum



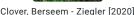


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COVER CROP DESCRIPTION

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.





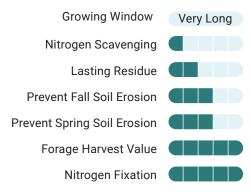


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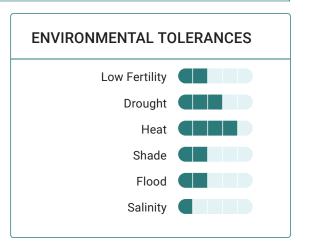
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GOALS



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



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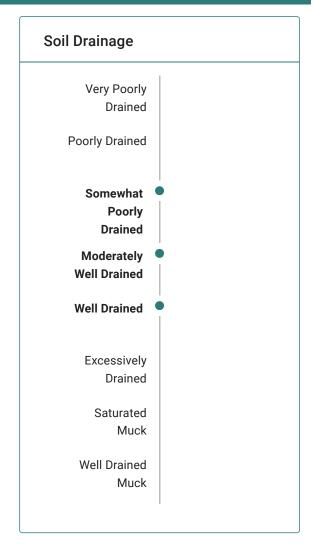
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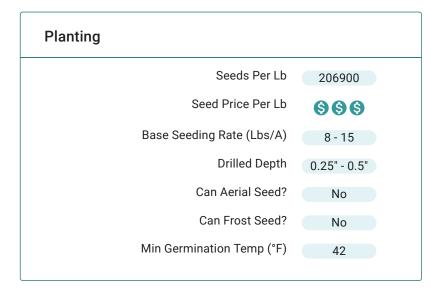


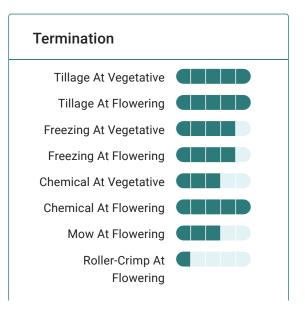


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Growth Traits	
Duration	Annual
Zone Use	Emerging
Shape And Orientation	Erect
Dry Matter (Lbs/A/Yr)	1200 - 3000
Soil Texture	Fine Medium
Soil pH	6.5 - 8
Soil Moisture Use	Medium
Hessian Fly Free Date?	No
Nitrogen Accumulation (Lbs/A/Yr)	70 - 150
Ease Of Establishment	
Establishes Quickly	
Early Spring Growth	
Flowering Trigger	Vernalization
Root Depth	Shallow
Inoculant Type	Berseem Clover Crimson Clover







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Extended Comments

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

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

Nematodes: Host for root-knot and soybean cyst nematode

References & Resources

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