

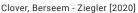


## PLANT HARDINESS ZONE 5 DATASET

## **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.





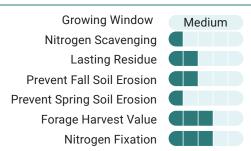


Clover, Berseem - Salon [2020]



Clover, Berseem - Larson [2020]

# **GOALS**



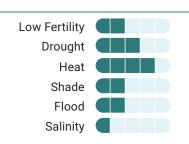
Penetrates Plow Pan **Reduces Surface Compaction** Improve Soil Organic Matter Increase Soil Aggregation **Good Grazing** Pollinator Food



## **WEEDS**

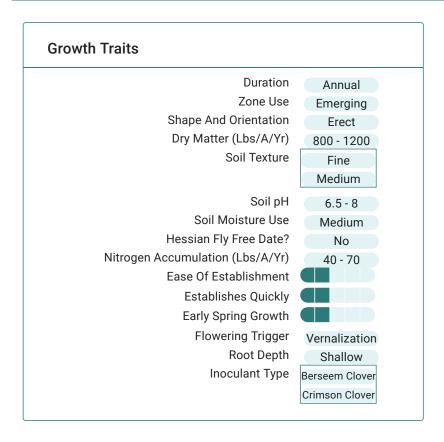


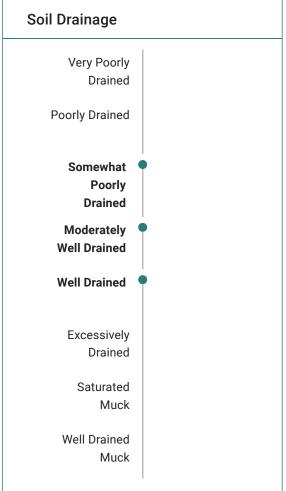
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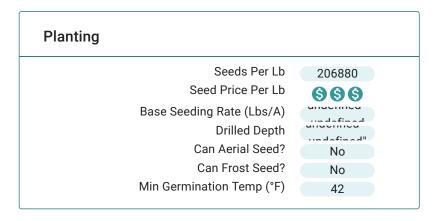


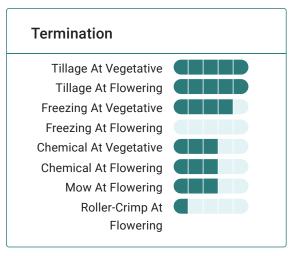


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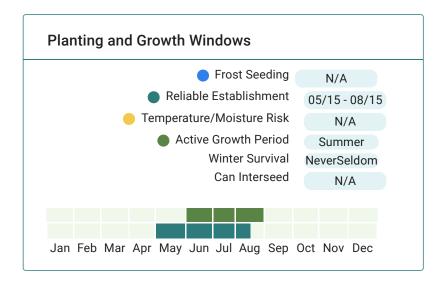








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## **Extended Comments**

**Taxonomy:** 'Frosty' has higher winter survival in zone 5 than older cultivars.

Environmental Tolerances: Older cultivars tend to be less cold hardy and less vigorous in Zone 5.

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

Weeds: Hard seededness (persistence) varies by cultivar, with 'Bigbee' noted as having hard seed and most others as having low amounts of hard seed.

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

Use of Cover Crops and Green Manures to Attract Beneficial Insects, University of Connecticut Integrated Pest Management Program

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