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Here they are functioning more as a rotation crop than a cover crop, but as such provide many benefits including erosion and weed control, organic matter and N production. Establishment and management varies widely depending on climate, cropping system and the legume itself.

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Often these crops tolerate cold temperatures well and are used to extend the foraging season.

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It is palatable when young but loses palatability and digestibility more quickly than other grasses. Though the grain is valued by humans, grasses have green leaves and stems not digestible for humans that are the main food source for animals. Sweet clover does not flower in the year of establishment.

Describe the major differences between the plant families used as forages.

Perennial Ryegrass Perennial ryegrass is a short-lived perennial that comes in turf, pasture and hay-adapted varieties.

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It is recommended for intensively managed pastures or as very early-cut haylage. Once established, few other legumes outperform... RED CLOVER Trifolium pratense Also called: medium red clover multi-cut, early blooming, June clover ; mammoth clover singlecut, late blooming, Michigan red Type: short-lived perennial, biennial or winter annual legume Roles: N source, soil builder, weed suppressor, insectary crop, forage Mix with: small grains, sweetclover, corn, soybeans, vegetables, grass forages See charts, p.

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Orchardgrass will grow much more vigorously in the warm, dry conditions of midsummer than timothy or bromegrass, resulting in a greater proportion of grass in the second and third cutting of alfalfa-grass mixtures.

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