

# Medium Red Clover

## Key Features

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Red clover is a dependable, low-cost, readily available workhorse that is winter hardy in much of the United States. Medium red, as a cover crop, creates loamy topsoil, helps to suppress weeds and breaks up heavy soil. As a full-season overwintered cover, medium red clover can produce two to four tons of dry matter/acre and fix 70 to 150 pounds of nitrogen/acre. Red clover is an excellent soil conditioner, with an extensive root system that permeates the topsoil. Its taproot may penetrate several feet. Depending on location and conditions, medium red clover can be a biennial or short-lived perennial.

## Applications

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Forage  
Cover Crop

## Planting Time

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Late Summer-Early Spring

## Establishment

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As a rule, red clover grows well wherever corn grows well. It does best in cool conditions and provides quick establishment. Medium red clover can be frost seeded or inter-seeded with small grains where you can harvest grain. As a cover crop, medium red clover can be seeded alone or in a blend.



## Characteristics

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N Fixation	4
Forage Quality	5
Nutrient Scavenging	3
Nutrient Release	5

Scale 1-5 (1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)

## Seeding Rate

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Broadcast	10-12 lbs/acre
Drilled	8-10 lbs/acre

## Seeding Depth

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Plant no deeper than 1/2"

