Yellow Blossom Sweet Clover

Melilotus officinalis



This biennial clover is most noted for its nitrogen fixing ability and efficiency as a soil builder. It is great for drawing insoluble minerals, such as potassium and phosphate to the surface. It does not grow well in soils that are poorly drained. Yellow Blossom Sweet Clover tolerates water-logged, saline, alkaline, and low fertility soils. It produces long taproots that loosen the subsoil. In general it is not used as forage for livestock as it is coarse and unpalatable, and therefore used for hay or pasture. When plowed under at maturity, this clover can add 80-100 lbs. of nitrogen/acre plus organic matter.

Seeding Rate: Drilled: 8-15 Lbs. / Ac | Broadcast: 10-18 Lbs. / Ac

Height Range (inches): 12 - 36 Seeds Per Pound: 260,000

Taxonomy

Species: officinalis
Genus: Melilotus
Family: Fabaceae
Order: Fabales
Subclass: Rosidae
Class: Magnoliopsida
Division: Magnoliophyta
Subkingdom: Tracheobionta

Kingdom: Plantae



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