Cimson Clover
BLAZA

550mm – 750mm+ | pH 5.5-8.0 | Most Heavy Types | C or Agristrike

Sowing Rate: 8-10kg/ha (Pure) 1-4kg/ha (Mixes)

Key Features

- Mid season maturity - approx 122 days to flowering
- Shows good early vigour
- Produces large red flowers through spring
- Offers excellent winter and early spring production
- Adapted to a large range of soil types,especially lighter soils
- Suitable for grazing, fodder, green manure and HDL mixes
- Excellent pioneering plant, especially on acid soils

Key Benefits

- Excellent component option for HDL mixes, it will provide early vigour for fast establishment in mixes.
- Highly beneficial during winter with increased production available, making winter feed no longer an issue.

Description

Blaza *(Trifolium incarnatum)* is a deep rooted, soft seeded Annual Clover that is characterised by its long bright flower head which is crimson in colour.

Early plant growth is prostrate, becoming erect during the spring period. Blaza demonstrates excellent seedling vigour, assisting with establishment and providing good weed control.

It provides superior winter growth compared to Persian Clover *(Trifolium respinatum)* and Balansa Clover *(Trifolium michelanium)*. Flowering plants can grow to 60 cm tall and provide excellent herbage production.

At seed maturity approximately 60% of the seeds are germinable, with 95-100% germination within 2 months of harvest. This will allow plants to germinate readily following opening rains. The soft seeded nature of Blaza makes it ideal for short term rotations, whilst also providing the benefits of a disease break and nitrogen inputs into the soil profile.

Blaza is well adapted to various soil types and can be used as a pioneering plant, especially on acid sands. It tolerates short periods of transient water-logging and is well suited to grazing, fodder production and green manuring.

Disease Resistance/Tolerance

Blaza demonstrates good resistance to Clover Scorch *(Kabatiella caulivora)*. It is susceptible to Clover Rot *(Sclerotinia trifoliorum)*, Fusarium Wilt *(Fusarium oxysporum)* and Fusarium Root Rot *(Fusarium spp.)*.

Pest Resistance

Crimson Clover typically demonstrates some tolerance to Red Legged Earth Mite *(Halotydens destructor)* as a seedling, improving as the plant matures. Blaza is susceptible to Blue-Green Aphid *(Acyrthosiphon kondoi)* and control measures need to take place as required.

Variety Management/Agronomy

Blaza is a completely soft seeded variety suited to short term rotations. Should regeneration be required, avoid grazing or cutting for hay post flowering.

Blaza is suited to heavy grazing during the winter and spring periods. Once spring begins, stock can be removed to allow rapid regrowth for either hay or silage production.

Initially stock may not be attracted to Blaza due to hairiness of the plant. However, animals will become accustomed to this quickly and pasture utilisation will improve.

Blaza contains no detectable levels of the Phytoestrogens, Formonometin, Biochanin A, Genistein or Coumestrol and therefore should not pose fertility or bloat problems in grazing animals.

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