

White Clover HAIFA



Sowing rate: 2-5kg/ha (Pure) 0.5-2kg/ha (Mixes)

Key Features

- Large leaf, upright perennial clover
- Performs well in sub-tropical regions
- Excellent heat tolerance and seeding ability
- Well adapted to lower rainfall and low fertility soils
- Superseeded in production and persistence by Quest

Description

Haifa (*Trifolium repens*) is a perennial clover that has a large leaf and can provide good levels of autumn and winter forage production. It demonstrates good seedling vigour with an erect growth habit and is tolerant to hot conditions. Being large leaved, Haifa is not as persistent as small and medium leaf White Clovers, therefore it's ideally suited to medium term rotations (i.e. greater than 3 years). This is because Haifa produces lower levels of plant stolons and is less tolerant to long term grazing rotations, particularly under sheep. Haifa is able to provide large quantities of high quality feed and can be grown well in combination with various temperate and sub-tropical grasses, assisting in providing a balanced diet. It will also provide excellent levels of soil nitrogen, along with an effective disease break.

Disease Resistance/Tolerance

Haifa is susceptible to a range of diseases that included Rugose Leaf Curl, Leaf Mosaic Virus, Rust, Root Rots caused by several fungal pathogens and Root Knot Nematodes.

Pest Resistance

As with most clover species, Haifa is susceptible to Red Legged Earth Mites (*Halotydeus destructor*) and control measures are required prior to or soon after germination. Other insects requiring careful monitoring include Pea Aphid (*Acyrtosiphon pisum*), Blue Oat Mites (*Penthaleus major*) and Cut Worm (*Agrotis munda*). Haifa is also susceptible to soil borne pests such as Clover Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera trifolii*) and Stem Nematode (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*). Areas known to be heavily infected with these pests should be avoided.



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