

New

Cropmark **Reaper** Red Clover



DESCRIPTION

A high yielding New Zealand bred, large leaved, semi-erect growing diploid red clover which is suitable for grazing and for hay and silage. Reaper is a very palatable variety, with fine stems which are less stalky than traditional red clovers and is low in oestrogen levels. It has good disease resistance and strong persistence.

BENEFITS

- ▶ Dual purpose grazing and hay / silage use and compatible in mixes
- ▶ High yielding, with strong winter activity
- ▶ Highly palatable, with finer stems
- ▶ Low oestrogen levels
- ▶ Very good disease resistance, including sclerotinia and rust
- ▶ More tolerant of clover root weevil than white clover
- ▶ Very good persistence, even under close sheep grazing

AGRONOMIC TRAITS

LEAF SIZE	PERSISTENCE	SOWING RATE
LARGE	3-4 YEARS	4-6KGS
WINTER ACTIVITY	FLOWERING DATE	GROWTH PEAK
HIGH	EARLY - MID	SPRING TO AUTUMN

PERFORMANCE

Variety	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Reaper	118.3	116.1	124.5
Rossi	114.6	120.6	126.0
Sensation	106.1	92.1	78.1
Pawera	100.6	116.4	128.9
Tuscan	99.2	95.9	101.8
Colenso	75.0	73.8	69.6
Mean (kgs)	15,204	8,335	5,062
CV%	4.8	5.3	13.8
LSD	1,057.4	634.8	1,012.1



The strong growth and persistence of Reaper (left) compared to competitor variety (right), after 3 years in dryland pasture trials.