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Arrowleaf Clover in Your Conservation Pasture Program**WHAT IS ARROWLEAF CLOVER?**

Arrowleaf is a cold, tolerant, high forage-producing, late maturing, reseeding winter annual clover that can be used to overseed warm-season grass pastures for good growth from mid-March through late July.

HOW IT HELPS THE LAND

1. Produces high yields of forage.
2. Produces good quality forage.
3. Extends grazing season 60-65 days on upland soils producing other clovers.
4. Increases beef production.
5. Palatable to livestock.
6. Deep-rooted legume; utilizes available moisture.

WHERE TO GET HELP

For more information contact your local Natural Resource Conservation Service or your local Conservation District office.

CONSIDERATIONS

VARIETIES: Yuchi, Meechee, and Amclo.

SOILS Adapted to soils ranging from well-drained to somewhat poorly drained. Does not have good tolerance to overflows.

SEEDING TIME: Late August, September, October, and early November. Remove excess growth of forage plants when seeding.

RATE: Broadcast 8 to 10 pounds per acre on sod; 5 to 8 pounds on prepared seedbed.

FERTILIZER: Responds well to phosphate and potash. Use 0-30-30 pre acre annually for best results. Correct lime. Thrives on slightly acid to moderately acid soils.

MAINTAINING THE PRACTICE

PASTURE: 1. Very palatable. For this reason, seed entire field or fence separately so grazing management can be applied.
2. Can be grazed closely until about June 1, then rotate or reduce cattle numbers to allow Arrowleaf plants to reach 14 inches of growth by July 15.

HAY: For best results, cut hay before June 1 to allow plant regrowth needed to produce seedheads or, if a later cutting is desired, replant Arrowleaf annually for hay production.

SEED PRODUCTION: Combine direct when seedheads are mature and stems are brown. If stems are red or green in color, combine will clog. Use wide concave setting of 1 inch or more and high RPMs. Shut off most of air.

Use bees for pollination to obtain high seed yields.

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