

Alfalfa

Technical Sheet

It is a major component of hay and pasture mixtures but may be used alone as a hay or pasture crop. It is not advisable to cut or pasture the first year of the plant.

If it is cut at the beginning of the flowering period, the yield of the first crop will be lessened but the second growth will develop more quickly and the return will be greater: thus, early cutting gives a greater total crop of better hay than a late cutting.

Plants will grow in all types of soil but should be tested prior to seeding for a PH of 7. They like a reasonable amount of moisture but is sensitive to excessive amounts. Thrives best in deep loams with open porous subsoil where tap roots are not hindered.

Alfalfa must be polinated by insects and bees. In Alfalfa there is no second chance, if an insect's first visit has no effect, the flower will not produce a seed.

Alfalfa is a high protein crop.

SEEDING RATE

10 - 15 lb. / acre

60 lb. per bushel



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