



Legume Species

Sweet Clover

- Biennial legume, its life-cycle is 2 years.
- Common sweet clover can have elevated levels of coumarin. When moldy sweet clover is fed the coumarin becomes dicoumarol, an anticoagulant that can cause blood thinning and internal bleeding in livestock. It can also lead to spontaneous abortions in bred cows. Norgold is a low coumarin yellow-blossom variety.
- Very winterhardy
- Stands sometimes lost to sweet clover weevil, which can eat seedlings to the ground in a short time.
- Mouldy sweet clover hay *should not* be fed.
- Can cause bloat.



White Sweetclover

Yellow Sweetclover

Source: USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database / Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. Illustrated flora of the northern states and Canada. Vol.2: 352.

Sales potential

- Used in short-term rotations
- Often grown because the seed is very inexpensive
- Sometimes seeded in a mix to provide some hay cut while the perennial forage is establishing
- Recommend Norgold to all customers that may be feeding to bred cows.

