**Sweetclover**

**Plant Characteristics**: Upright annual or biennial that grows up to 1.5 to 7 feet tall.

**Emergence time**: 7 days

**Min. germination soil temp**: 42oF

**Annual or Perennial:** Annual

**Salinity Tolerant:** pH 6.5 – 7.5

**Tolerances:** Drought, heat, shade, and flooding/ponding

**Cool or Warm season:** Cool (mid-April to early October planting)

The following goals for this species are ranked 0-4, 0=Poor, 1=Fair, 2=Good, 3=Very Good, 4=Excellent.

**Nitrogen Source**: 4

**Nitrogen Scavenger**: 1

**Soil Builder**: 4

**Erosion Fighter**: 3

**Lasting Residue**: 3

**Weed Fighter**: 3

**Grazing**: 1

**Forage Harvest Value**: 1

**Recommended Seeding Dates**: April - October

**Planting Depth**: ½ - 1 ½ inch

**Min. Seeding Rate (incorporated)**: 6 lbs./ac PLS

**Min. Seeding Rate (non-incorporated)**: 9 lbs./ac PLS

**Termination Options**: Till and then apply herbicide

**Other notes**: Good forage for bees for honey production. White or Yellow flower.

**Resources**:

*Midwest Cover Crops Field Guide*-Midwest Cover Crop Council

*Managing Cover Crops Profitably*-Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Green Cover Seed-Soil Health





