



A TOP PRODUCER

Starfire medium red clover was bred for aggressive harvesting for multiple years. With a combined package of high yield, extended persistence, strong disease resistance, and the ability to be cut three to four times per year, Starfire is an excellent choice for top dairy or beef producers. Additionally, producers desiring to improve existing pastures will find the predictable boost and longevity of Starfire to be a worthwhile payback.

Notable Characteristics:

- High Yielding
- VERY Persistent
- Aggressive Growth
- Excellent for Grazing
- High Disease Resistance
- Easy to Establish

Starfire has exhibited persistence ratings at Marshfield, WI that exceeded the trial average by 16%, boasting an 84% stand at the end of the third year! Starfire shows excellent resistance to Aphanomyces root rot, Fusarium wilt, Northern and Southern Anthracnose, and Powdery Mildew.

Comparative Performance Data:

Wisconsin Yield Data
1999-2000 (2 sites)

Variety	1999 Yield Ave.	'00 Yd. Av. (6 cuts)	'99-'00 Yield	Ave. % trial mean
Starfire	1.33	6.76	8.09	106%
Marathon	1.45	6.32	7.77	100%

Persistence Ratings
Marshfield, WI (1997-1999)

Variety	% Stand (Fall, Year 3)
Starfire	84
Marathon	70
Cinnamon	51
Arlington	43
Plot average	68

Starfire is the clear choice for the top producer. It provides higher yields, higher levels of persistence, and an excellent disease package.

Seeding Rates:

New Hay Fields/Pasture:

- Seeded with alfalfa: 2-3 lbs/acre
- Seeded in pasture: 2-5 lbs/acre

Renovation/Overseeding existing fields/pastures:

- Pastures: 3-7 lbs/acre
- Alfalfa Hay Field: 2-4 lbs/acre

Method of Seeding:

Use of a Billion seeder, a no-till drill or a culti-packer is ideal. Frost seeding also works well, especially if the animals are allowed to "hoof" it into the existing pasture. Seed-to-soil contact is vital to having a successful stand. Do not plant the seed more than 1/4" deep. Starfire establishes quickly, but weed control and proper management on initial grazings is vital to stand establishment.

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