

## CHARACTERISTICS OF SELECTED COVER CROPS

LEGUMES	TYPE	HARDINESS ZONE	HEAT TOLERANCE	SHADE TOLERANCE	DROUGHT TOLERANCE	Sow @ Oz./100 Sq. Ft.	SUBSOILER	ALLEOPATHIC	CHOKES WEEDS	EASE OF MOW-KILL
Berseem clover	SA, WA	7	3	2	3	2	1	1	3	1
Cowpeas	SAL	NFT	4	3	2	5	2	0	4	4
Crimson clover	WA, SA	7	2	1	3	2-3	1	1	2	3
Field peas	WA	7	1	1	1	4	1	1	3	4
Hairy vetch	WA, CSA	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	4
Medics	SP, SA	4, 7	4	3	3	2-3	2	1	3	3
Red clover	SP, B	4	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	1
Subterranean clover	CSA	7	2	1	1	3	0	3	4	0
Sweet clover	B, SA	4	3	4	1	1.5	4	1	2	3
White clover	LP, WA	4	2	2	3	1.5	1	2	3	2
Woollypod vetch	CSA	7	3	3	2	2-3	3	2	4	4

NON-LEGUMES	TYPE	HARDINESS ZONE	HEAT TOLERANCE	SHADE TOLERANCE	DROUGHT TOLERANCE	Sow @ Oz./100 Sq. Ft.	SUBSOILER	ALLEOPATHIC	CHOKES WEEDS	EASE OF MOW-KILL
Annual ryegrass	WA	6	1	1	3	1	2	2	4	4
Barley	WA	7	3	3	2	3-5	2	3	3	4
Buckwheat	SA	NFT	2	0	1	3-4	0	3	4	4
Oats	CSA	8	1	1	1	4-6	0	3	4	1
Rape	CSA	7	2	1	3	1/2	4	3	3	4
Rye	CSA	3	2	3	3	3-6	1	4	4	4
Sorghum-sudangrass	SA	NFT	4	4	2	2	4	4	4	3
Wheat	WA	4	2	2	2	3-4	2	1	3	3

**K E Y** Type: B=biennial, CSA=cool-season annual, LP=long-lived perennial,  
SA=summer annual, SP=short-lived perennial, WA=winter annual  
Hardiness zones: U.S.D.A. ratings; NFT=not frost-tolerant  
Other ratings: 0=poor, 1=fair, 2=good, 3=very good, 4=excellent