

CLOVERS

Shaftal Persian Clover

Tolerant of seasonal flooding

Trifolium resupinatum

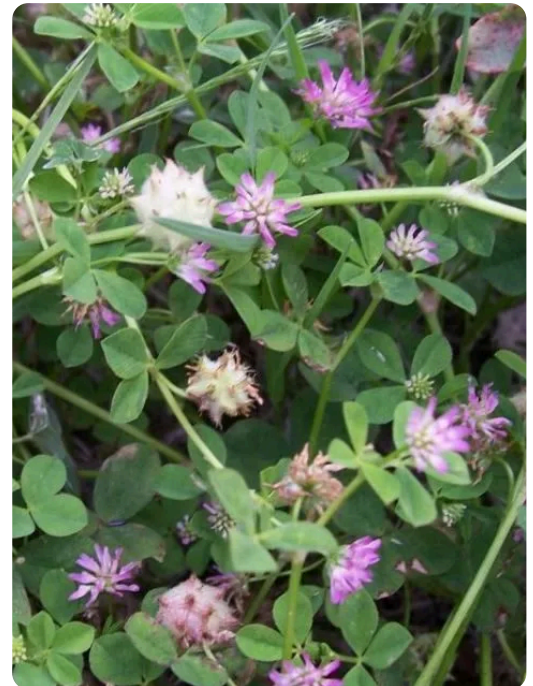
Late flowering, large leaved erect soft seeded Persian clover offering excellent winter spring production. Suited to annual pasture systems. Handles medium waterlogged conditions and has some salt tolerance. Extremely palatable and high quality forage.

ABOUT THIS VARIETY

Shaftal is a late flowering Persian clover with large leaflets on thick, hollow stems. It is ideal for annual forage and is suited to annual pasture systems.

Shaftal performs best on clay loams to heavy clay soils. It has good heat tolerance and is quite tolerant to frost and cold, but it is slower growing at low temperatures. It is highly productive through autumn, winter and spring, regrows well after grazing and suits short term ryegrass mixes, and can be cut several times for pasture, hay and silage.

Persian clover produces very high-quality forage, and earlier trials conducted in Victoria showed crude protein levels equal to lucerne and generally higher dry matter digestibility than other legumes tested. The growth rates of weaner sheep fed on Persian clover hay were 160 grams/day, compared to pasture hay at 50 grams/day and lucerne at 90 grams/day.



QUICK FACTS

-  **TYPE & PERSISTENCY**
Annual
-  **MIN RAINFALL**
400 mm+
-  **SOIL & PH**
Soil range: Sand to Heavy · pH 5+ (CaCl₂)
-  **SOWING RATE**
4–6 kg/ha General
-  **TOLERANCES**
Waterlogging, Mild Salinity
-  **END USE**
Grazing, Hay, Silage
-  **LIVESTOCK**
Beef, Sheep, Equine
-  **DAYS TO FLOWERING**
140
-  **HARD SEED LEVEL**
Low
-  **OESTROGEN LEVEL**
None
-  **BLOAT RISK**
Moderate

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Highly nutritive feed for sheep, cattle and horses
- ✓ Extremely palatable, high quality forage
- ✓ Productive through autumn, winter and spring
- ✓ Multi cut crop for pasture, hay and silage
- ✓ Good regrowth after grazing
- ✓ Non-oestrogenic, safe for breeding ewes

PLANTING & GRAZING NOTES

Sow dryland in mid to late autumn, or in February under irrigation. Persian clover has very small seed compared with sub clover: sow no deeper than 1cm into a prepared seedbed and aim for a minimum of 100 plants/m². Requires group C inoculation before sowing. Sow with Italian tetraploid ryegrass or oats to reduce bloat risk.

STAND LIFE

Soft seeded, with a low level of hard seed: an annual forage clover rather than a long-term regenerating one.

HOW IT'S SOLD

FORM	PACK
Bare	25 kg