

FREEDOM! MR RED CLOVER

Key Features

Freedom! MR is free from pubescence (non-glandular hairs). This variety is one of the latest red clovers developed exclusively by Barenbrug USA. It is generally utilized in mixed plantings with grass for hay, but can also be successfully applied to a wide range of applications such as silage. During ensiling, red clovers tend to maintain a high proportion of true protein. This greatly enhances the feed value of the silage. Freedom! MR also thrives in a grazing program and provides high-quality forage with fast regrowth.

Establishment

Freedom! MR is a rapidly establishing legume. It should generally be fall planted at least eight weeks before a killing frost. However, in the northern regions frost seeding in the early spring is a suitable option. Freedom! MR can be established via a full-cultivation, no-till seeding, or broadcast when frost-seeding.

History and Development

Research indicates the attributes of Freedom! MR make it ideal for hay production. With less pubescence than typical red clovers, Freedom! MR promotes faster drying in the field and reduces the chance for loss of quality due to untimely rainfall. In addition, less pubescence also reduces the dustiness of hay, thus improving air quality. Freedom! MR is also well adapted for grazing and silage.

Management Keys

In the establishment year, harvesting prior to full-bloom stage is ideal. For an established stand, first cut should occur at early-bloom stage and subsequent harvests at late-bud or early-bloom stage. Harvesting forage under hot, dry conditions or too close to the first freeze can reduce stand longevity.



Seeding Rate

- ▶ 15-20 lbs/acre for a pure stand.
- ▶ 8-10 lbs/acre with grass.
- ▶ 10-12 lbs/acre for frost seeding into grass stands.

Seeding Depth

¼" into a firm, clod-free seedbed.