



Weka White clover

Pasture legumes



650mm+



5.4–8.0_{CaCl}



Most soil types



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Sowing rate

Mix: 2–5kg/ha

Weka is a medium leaved high yielding white clover suited to all grazing systems. It has a high stolon density, a strong spreading habit, and excellent tolerance to clover root weevil (CRW). Sow in pasture mixes at 2–5kg/ha.

Key features

- Medium leaved white clover suited to all grazing systems
- Good growth in all seasons, particularly through autumn & winter
- High stolon growing point density
- High tolerance to clover root weevil

Key benefits

- High levels of dry-matter production for high quality livestock forage
- Enables nitrogen fixation to drive grass-growth
- Strong spreading habit with high stolon density for good persistence

Disease/pest resistance

Weka has excellent persistence because of its high tolerance to clover root weevil, dry conditions, pugging and hard grazing, and its strong spreading habit. Yield scores under high levels of clover root weevil attack show Weka is a very good choice for these conditions.

Yield of medium-large leaved clovers under CRW attack*

| Variety | Yield under CRW attack |
|---------|------------------------|
| Weka | 5.5 a |
| Tribute | 4.9 b |
| Sustain | 4.1 c |

*Combines 5 yield scores over 2 Waikato trials in 2006 & 2007 in periods of high CRW damage. Yield scored 1-9, where 9=very high yield. Yield with same letter not significantly different at 5% LSD level.

Performance

In trials Weka has shown very high total yield, with good growth in all seasons, particularly through autumn and winter.

Yield scores of medium-large leaved clovers 2003-08*

| Variety | Autumn | Winter | Early spring | Late spring | Summer | Total |
|---------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| Weka | 6.1 a | 5.2 a | 5.8 a | 6.0 a | 6.8 a | 5.8 a |
| Tribute | 5.6 ab | 4.4 a | 5.7 a | 5.9 a | 5.8 a | 5.5 a |
| Sustain | 4.6 b | 4.5 a | 4.8 b | 5.2 b | 5.2 b | 5.0 b |

*Combines yield scores over 4 trials in the Waikato 2004-08 & 2005-08, & Canterbury 2003-06 & 2005-08. Yield scored on 1-9 basis, where 9=very high yield. Yields with same letters not significantly different at 5% LSD level.



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