# 2020 Red and White Clover Report



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## Introduction

Red clover (Trifolium pratense L.) is a high-quality, short-lived, perennial legume used in mixed or pure stands for pasture, hay, silage, green chop, soil improvement, and wildlife habitat. This species is adapted to a wide range of climatic and soil conditions. Stands of improved varieties generally are productive for 21/2 to 3 years, with the highest yields occurring in the year following establishment. Red clover is used primarily as a renovation legume for grass pastures and hay fields. It is a dominant forage legume in Kentucky because it is relatively easy to establish and has high forage quality, yield, and animal acceptance.

White clover (*Trifolium repens L.*) is a low-growing, perennial pasture legume with white flowers. It differs from red clover in that the stems (stolons) grow along the surface of the soil and can form adventitious roots that lead to the development of new plants. Three types of white clover grow in Kentucky: Dutch, intermediate, and ladino. Dutch white clover, sometimes called "common," naturally occurs in many Kentucky pastures and even lawns. It is generally long lived

and reseeds readily, but its small leaves and low growth habit result in low forage yield. The intermediate type is a cross between ladino and Dutch white clover and has been developed to give higher yields than the Dutch type and to persist better than the ladino type under frequent or continuous grazing conditions. Ladino white clover has larger leaves and taller growth than the intermediate and Dutch types and is the highest yielding of the three white clover types but requires rotational grazing to maintain stands. Information on the grazing tolerance of white clover varieties can be found in the 2020 Red and White Clover Grazing Tolerance Report (PR-788).

Yield and persistence of red and white clover varieties are dependent on environment and pressure from diseases and insects. The most common red clover diseases in Kentucky are southern anthracnose, powdery mildew, sclerotinia crown rot, and root rots. For white clover, the

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		20	18			20	19			20	20 <sup>2</sup>	
	Tei	mp	Raiı	nfall	Te	mp	Rai	nfall	Tei	mp	Raiı	nfall
	°F	DEP	IN	DEP	°F	DEP	IN	DEP	°F	DEP	IN	DEP
JAN	31	0	2.01	-0.85	33	+2	4.11	+1.25	40	+9	3.72	+0.86
FEB	45	+10	9.77	+6.56	42	+7	7.64	+4.43	38	+3	5.14	+1.93
MAR	42	-2.	5.16	+0.76	43	-1	3.49	-0.91	51	+7	3.79	-0.61
APR	50	-5	5.52	+1.64	54	+4	4.76	+0.88	52	-3	4.92	+1.04
MAY	73	+9	8.39	+3.92	69	+5	4.49	+0.02	62	-2	5.69	+1.22
JUN	76	+4	6.42	+2.76	73	+1	6.13	+2.47	72	0	2.56	-1.10
JUL	77	+1	6.15	+1.15	79	+3	3.30	-1.70	79	+3	3.23	-1.77
AUG	77	+2	6.45	+2.52	77	+2	2.42	-1.51	75	0	3.41	-0.52
SEP	74	+6	12.88	+9.68	77	+9	0.18	-3.02	68	0	4.43	-+0.83
OCT	59	+2	6.54	+3.97	61	+4	7.55	+5.58	57	0	4.98	+2.41
NOV	42	-3	5.64	+2.25	41	-4	5.39	+2.00				
DEC	40	+4	7.35	+3.37	43	+7	5.74	+1.76				
Total			82.28	+37.73			55.20	+10.65			41.47	+4.29

<sup>1</sup> DEP is departure from the long-term average.

<sup>2</sup> 2020 data is for ten months through October.

Table 2. Temperature and rainfall at Princeton, Kentucky in 2019 and	
2020.	

		20	19			202	20 <sup>2</sup>	
	Tei	mp	Raiı	nfall	Tei	mp	Raiı	nfall
	°F	DEP1	IN	DEP	°F	DEP1	IN	DEP
JAN	36	+2	3.62	-0.18	40	+6	4.27	+0.47
FEB	43	+5	11.14	+6.71	40	+2	6.80	+2.37
MAR	44	-3	3.34	-1.60	52	+5	6.63	+1.69
APR	59	0	4.50	-0.30	54	-5	3.08	-1.72
MAY	69	+2	5.61	+0.05	64	-3	5.48	+0.52
JUN	73	*2	4.33	+0.48	74	-1	5.13	+1.28
JUL	77	-1	3.12	-1.17	79	+1	6.31	+2.02
AUG	76	-1	6.31	+2.30	75	-2	3.77	-0.24
SEP	75	+4	0.34	-2.99	69	-2	4.93	+1.60
OCT	59	0	6.36	+3.31	57	-2	7.45	+4.40
NOV	42	-5	6.94	+2.31				
DEC	43	+4	3.32	-1.82				
Total			58.93	+7.80			53.85	+12.39

<sup>1</sup> DEP is departure from the long-term average.

<sup>2</sup> 2020 data is for the ten months through October.

Table 3. Temperature and rainfall at Quicksand, Kentucky in 2019 and 2020.

		20	19			20	20 <sup>2</sup>	
	Tei	mp	Raiı	nfall	Te	mp	Rai	nfall
	°F	DEP <sup>1</sup>	IN	DEP	°F	DEP1	IN	DEP
JAN	37	+6	4.93	+1.64	42	+11	3.32	+0.03
FEB	45	+12	8.15	+4.55	41	+8	7.11	+3.51
MAR	44	+3	2.15	-2.19	52	+11	7.96	+3.62
APR	58	+5	2.55	-1.55	53	0	4.93	+0.83
MAY	68	+6	3.91	-0.57	62	0	5.75	+1.27
JUN	72	+2	8.35	+4.53	71	+1	4.54	+0.72
JUL	77	+3	6.32	+1.07	78	+4	4.26	-0.99
AUG	75	+2	1.57	-2.44	75	+2	6.56	+2.55
SEP	74	+8	0.04	-3.48	69	+3	4.40	+0.88
OCT	60	+6	6.80	+3.89	59	+5	3.55	+0.64
NOV	42	0	5.48	+1.60				
DEC	43	+10	6.15	+2.01				
Total			56.40	+9.06			52.38	+13.06

<sup>1</sup> DEP is departure from the long-term average.

<sup>2</sup> 2020 data is for the ten months through October.

Table 4. Dry matter yields, seedling vigor, and stand persistence of red clover varieties sown April 12, 2018, at Lexington, Kentucky.

	Seedling			Percen	t Stand					Yie	d (tons/a	cre)		
	Vigor <sup>1</sup>	20	18	20	19	20	20	2018	2019		20	20		3-year
Variety	May 22, 2018	May 22	Sep 25	Mar 22	Oct 11	Mar 17	Aug 8	Total	Total	May 6	Jun 9	Jul 10	Total	Total
<b>Commercial Variet</b>	ties-Available fo	or Farm Us	se											
Freedom! MR	4.8	99	100	99	93	86	39	4.24	4.53	0.28	0.37	0.55	1.20	9.97*
Freedom!	4.5	97	99	99	89	81	43	3.31	4.52	0.32	0.49	0.50	1.32	9.16*
Kenland (certified)	4.8	99	100	98	81	60	24	3.68	4.25	0.24	0.42	0.53	1.20	9.13*
SS0303RCG	4.5	99	100	99	83	76	29	3.57	4.03	0.15	0.32	0.64	1.10	8.70*
Gallant	4.8	99	99	100	86	79	38	3.46	4.14	0.19	0.33	0.48	1.00	8.60*
Common O	4.5	99	92	90	9	4	3	2.30	3.33	0.05	0.06	0.01	0.12	5.75
<b>Experimental Vari</b>	eties													
PAG-37	4.5	98	99	99	79	73	33	3.62	3.93	0.16	0.31	0.47	0.93	8.49*
UK2014(2,4-D)	4.5	99	99	99	75	61	19	3.31	4.15	0.14	0.26	0.37	0.77	8.23*
Mean	4.6	99	98	98	74	65	28	3.44	4.11	0.19	0.32	0.44	0.96	8.50
CV,%	12.5	2	2	2	13	22	49	15.51	15.04	60.70	45.19	41.71	38.92	13.96
LSD,0.05	0.8	3	3	3	14	21	20	0.78	0.91	0.17	0.21	0.27	0.55	1.74

<sup>1</sup> Vigor score based on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most vigorous seedling growth.

\*Not significantly different from the highest numerical value in the column, based on the 0.05 LSD.

most common pests are stolon rots, root rots, and potato leafhoppers. High yield and persistence (as measured by percent stand) are two indications that a specific red or white clover variety is resistant to or tolerant of these pests when grown in Kentucky.

This report provides current yield and persistence data on red and white clover varieties included in yield trials in Kentucky as well as guidelines for selecting clover varieties. Tables 13 and 14 show a summary of all clover varieties tested in Kentucky for the past 15 years. The UK Forage Extension website at www.forages. ca.uky.edu contains electronic versions of all forage variety testing reports from Kentucky and surrounding states and a large number of other forage publications.

## Important Selection Considerations

**Local adaptation and persistence.** The variety should be adapted to Kentucky as indicated by superior performance across years and locations in replicated yield trials such as those reported in this publication. High-yielding varieties are generally also those varieties that are the most persistent. Improved red clover generally produces measurable yields for 2½ to 3 years, with the year of establishment considered as the first year. The highest yields occur in the year following establishment. White clover may persist longer than red clover, particularly in wet seasons, and has the ability to reseed even under grazing.

**Seed quality**. Buy premium-quality seed that is high in germination and purity and free from weed seed. Buy certified seed or proprietary seed of an improved variety. An improved variety is one that has performed well in independent trials, such as those reported in this publication.

Table 5. Dry matter yields, seedling vigor, and stand persistence of red clover varieties sown April 2, 2019, at Lexington, Kentucky.

	Seedling		Percen	t Stand					Yield (to	ons/acre)			
	Vigor <sup>1</sup>	20	)19	20	20	2019			20	20			2-year
Variety	May 3, 2019	May 3	Oct 11	Mar 17	Sep 24	Total	May 7	Jun10	Jul 14	Aug 13	Sep 15	Total	Total
<b>Commercial Varieti</b>	es-Available for	Farm Use											
Freedom! MR	4.9	99	99	97	95	2.72	1.86	1.66	1.15	0.50	0.66	5.83	8.55*
Freedom!	4.6	99	100	100	100	2.52	1.48	1.28	0.88	0.41	0.51	4.57	7.08*
Kenland (certified)	4.6	98	99	99	97	2.02	1.37	1.47	1.06	0.46	0.54	4.90	6.92*
CW9901	4.5	100	100	99	95	2.21	1.53	1.45	0.89	0.38	0.40	4.64	6.85*
Blaze	4.4	100	100	98	98	2.19	1.41	1.29	1.11	0.32	0.45	4.59	6.78*
GA9908	4.0	99	99	100	97	1.96	1.38	1.31	0.94	0.37	0.33	4.34	6.30
Bigfoot	4.4	100	100	99	99	1.94	1.36	1.19	0.92	0.39	0.49	4.35	6.30
Gallant	4.6	100	100	100	100	1.80	1.49	0.95	0.99	0.45	0.53	4.42	6.22
Barduro	4.6	100	100	100	81	2.01	1.69	1.08	0.73	0.37	0.32	4.19	6.19
SS0303RCG	4.1	98	98	98	97	1.62	1.60	1.12	0.97	0.40	0.36	4.46	6.08
Common O	4.9	100	100	98	80	1.80	1.37	1.27	0.61	0.33	0.27	3.85	5.65
<b>Experimental Variet</b>	ties												
BARTP9	4.8	100	100	99	96	2.30	1.61	1.50	1.03	0.36	0.56	5.05	7.35*
KY2014(2,4-D)	4.3	99	99	99	98	2.24	1.53	1.25	1.03	0.32	0.40	4.53	6.77*
BARTP11	4.3	100	100	100	97	2.09	1.48	0.95	0.95	0.46	0.56	4.40	6.49
PAG-37	4.6	99	100	100	99	2.01	1.40	1.06	1.09	0.37	0.49	4.42	6.42
Mean	4.5	99	99	99	95	2.10	1.50	1.26	0.96	0.39	0.46	4.57	6.66
CV,%	10.1	1	1	2	10	33.71	20.96	20.83	26.15	42.25	35.18	15.44	19.52
LSD,0.05	0.6	2	2	2	13	1.01	0.45	0.37	0.36	0.24	0.23	1.01	1.86

<sup>1</sup> Vigor score based on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most vigorous seedling growth.

\*Not significantly different from the highest numerical value in the column, based on the 0.05 LSD.

Other information on the label will include the test date (which must be within the previous nine months), the level of germination, and percentage of other crop and weed seed. Order seed well in advance of planting time to assure that it will be available when needed.

### **Description of the Tests**

This report summarizes studies at Lexington (one in 2018, two in 2019, and two in 2020), Quicksand (2019) and Princeton (2019). The soils at Lexington (Maury), Princeton (Crider) and Quicksand (Nolin) and are well-drained silt loams. All are well-suited to clover production. Plots were 5 feet by 20 feet in a randomized complete block design with four replications with a harvested plot area of 5 feet by 15 feet.

Seedings were made at 12 pounds per acre for red clover and 3 pounds per acre for white clover into a prepared seedbed using a disk drill. The first cutting in the seeding year was delayed to allow the clover to completely reach maturity as indicated by full bloom, which generally occurs about 60 to 90 days after seeding. Otherwise, harvests were taken when the clover was in the bud to early flower stage using a sickle-type forage plot harvester. Fresh weight samples were taken at each harvest to calculate percent dry

matter production. All tests for establishment, fertility (P, K, and lime based on regular soil tests), and harvest management were managed according to University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service recommendations. Weeds were controlled to avoid limiting production and persistence.

Table 6. Dry matter yields and stand persistence of red clover varieties sown April 3, 2019, at Princeton, Kentucky.

		Percen	t Stand				Yiel	d (tons/a	icre)		
	20	19	20	20	2019			2020			2-year
Variety	May 7	Nov 4	Mar 12	Oct 8	Total	May 14	Jun 11	Jul 24	Sep 14	Total	Total
<b>Commercial Varieti</b>	es-Availa	ble for F	arm Use								
Freedom!	94	92	83	31	1.58	1.73	1.39	1.12	0.31	4.54	6.13*
Gallant	92	91	73	24	1.40	1.89	1.29	0.72	0.29	4.19	5.97*
CW9901	96	83	65	9	1.27	1.68	1.58	1.04	0.07	4.37	5.64*
Kenland (certified)	90	89	68	30	0.86	1.70	1.55	1.07	0.39	4.71	5.57*
Bigfoot	93	93	73	18	1.07	1.68	1.22	1.07	0.21	4.18	5.25*
SS0303RCG	93	89	58	19	1.03	1.71	1.24	0.93	0.23	4.11	5.11*
GA9908	93	91	68	2	1.21	1.49	1.06	0.75	0.02	3.33	4.54
Freedom! MR	73	60	30	21	0.92	1.00	1.05	0.79	0.27	3.10	4.02
Barduro	91	87	50	3	1.31	1.15	0.86	0.24	0.03	2.28	3.59
Common O	93	75	46	3	0.60	1.14	0.95	0.70	0.04	2.82	3.43
<b>Experimental Varie</b>	ties										
BARTP9	93	90	66	16	1.30	1.98	1.57	1.22	0.16	4.93	6.11*
BARTP11	95	94	66	16	1.34	1.84	1.42	1.23	0.10	4.59	5.93*
KY2014(24D)	91	89	58	13	1.15	1.66	1.07	0.88	0.11	3.72	4.86*
Mean	91	86	61	16	1.15	1.59	1.25	0.90	0.17	3.91	5.05
CV,%	7	16	33	63	43.92	24.67	19.40	28.01	68.65	19.46	20.77
LSD,0.05	9	20	29	14	0.76	0.56	0.35	0.36	0.17	1.09	1.57

Not significantly different from the highest numerical value in the column, based on the 0.05 LSD

#### **Results and Discussion**

Weather data for Lexington, Princeton and Quicksand are presented in tables 1 through 3.

Yield data (on a dry matter basis) are presented in tables 4 through 10. Yields are given by cutting date for 2020 and as total annual production. Varieties are listed in order from highest to lowest total production (for the life of the test). Experimental varieties are listed separately at the bottom of the tables and are not available commercially. Statistical analyses were performed on all clover data (including experimental varieties) to determine whether the apparent differences are truly due to variety. Varieties not significantly different from the top variety within a column are marked with one asterisk (\*). To determine if two varieties are truly different, compare the difference between the two varieties with the least significant difference (LSD) at the bottom of the column. If the difference is equal to or greater than the LSD, the varieties are truly different when grown under the conditions at a

Table 7. Dry matter yields, seedling vigor, and stand persistence of red clover varieties sown April 2, 2019, at Quicksand, Kentucky.

	Seedling		Percen	t Stand				Yield (to	ns/acre)		
	Vigor <sup>1</sup>	20	19	20	20	2019		20	20		2-year
Variety	May 30, 2019	May 30	Oct 23	Mar 26	Sep 2	Total	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 14	Total	Total
<b>Commercial Varieti</b>	es-Available for	Farm Us	e								
Freedom!	4.1	98	99	98	23	1.99	1.73	1.26	0.80	3.79	5.78*
Freedom! MR	3.8	97	96	93	26	1.47	1.62	1.15	0.74	3.51	4.98*
Kenland (certified)	3.1	97	84	94	30	1.22	1.46	1.38	0.74	3.58	4.80*
CW9901	3.5	97	95	92	13	1.41	1.48	1.05	0.82	3.34	4.75*
GA9908	3.5	93	92	86	7	0.95	1.05	1.11	0.60	2.75	3.70
Common O	3.9	97	85	96	7	1.15	1.25	1.00	0.30	2.55	3.69
Barduro	3.3	97	95	91	7	1.27	1.18	0.94	0.21	2.33	3.59
SS0303RCG	3.0	85	95	91	13	0.93	0.73	1.04	0.80	2.57	3.50
<b>Experimental Varie</b>	ties										
RC0705G	4.3	98	98	98	11	1.74	1.64	1.00	0.78	3.43	5.15*
BARTP9	3.4	96	96	96	11	1.66	1.35	1.11	0.65	3.11	4.90*
BARTP11	3.5	96	93	92	14	1.15	0.85	1.18	0.78	2.81	3.96
Mean	3.6	96	93	93	15	1.34	1.30	1.11	0.66	3.07	4.41
CV,%	23.6	7	10	4	50	36.30	36.00	18.04	24.35	19.75	20.35
LSD,0.05	1.2	10	13	6	11	0.73	0.68	0.29	0.23	0.88	0.73

<sup>1</sup> Vigor score based on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most vigorous seedling growth.

\*Not significantly different from the highest numerical value in the column, based on the 0.05 LSD.

given location. The coefficient of variation (CV), which is a measure of the variability of the data, is included for each column of means. Low variability is desirable, and increased variability within a study results in higher CVs and larger LSDs.

Certified Kenland continues to rank near the top of tests. It is important to note yield differences between certified and uncertified Kenland red clover. Most Kenland offered for sale is uncertified and probably common seed falsely advertised as Kenland. Our tests show uncertified Kenland is significantly lower in yield than certified Kenland. White clover varieties, as managed in these trials, yielded less than most red clover varieties but were more persistent. Again, certified seed of improved varieties is recommended.

In addition to the commercially available varieties and experimental lines, selected "common" red clovers are included in the variety tests for comparison. Common red clover, generally sold as "medium red clover variety unknown," is unimproved red clover with unknown performance. Several years of testing show only about one out of every 10 common red clovers is as productive as certified or proprietary red clovers. In Kentucky, the average yield advantage of seeding improved red clover varieties compared to common types is 3 tons to 6 tons higher of dry matter/acre over the life of the stand.

Table 8. Dry matter yields, seedling vigor, and stand persistence of red clover varieties sown April 3, 2020, at Lexington, Kentucky.

	Seedling	Percer	nt Stand		Yield (to	ons/acre)	
	Vigor <sup>1</sup>	20	020		20	20	
Variety	Jun 3, 2020	Jun 3	Sep 24	Jul 14	Aug 12	Sep 15	Total
<b>Commercial Varieti</b>	es-Available for	Farm Use					
GA9908	3.9	96	96	1.05	0.73	1.05	2.83*
SS0303RCG	3.9	100	100	1.09	0.69	1.01	2.78*
Kenland (certified)	3.9	98	98	1.03	0.77	0.92	2.72*
Freedom!	4.3	100	100	1.05	0.68	0.98	2.71*
Renegade	4.6	100	100	1.03	0.76	0.90	2.69*
Gallant	3.8	96	97	0.87	0.67	1.01	2.55*
Blaze	4.6	98	98	0.90	0.65	0.91	2.46
Robust III	3.3	97	97	0.85	0.65	0.94	2.43
Barduro	4.0	100	99	0.85	0.68	0.87	2.40
Rustler	4.5	100	100	0.70	0.67	0.78	2.16
Common O	4.8	99	98	0.62	0.73	0.72	2.07
<b>Experimental Varie</b>	ties						
ISTP12	4.5	100	100	1.11	0.87	0.98	2.97*
CW040040	3.9	97	98	1.03	0.76	0.99	2.78*
BARTP10	3.6	97	97	0.91	0.64	0.87	2.41
GATP1412	2.3	77	87	0.78	0.62	0.94	2.35
CW30091	2.3	83	86	0.62	0.59	1.01	2.22
Mean	3.9	96	97	0.90	0.70	0.93	2.53
CV,%	14.6	6	3	22.42	18.33	14.27	12.46
LSD,0.05	0.8	8	6	0.29	0.18	0.19	0.45

<sup>1</sup> Vigor score based on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most vigorous seedling growth. \*Not significantly different from the highest numerical value in the column, based on the 0.05 LSD.

Tables 11 and 12 show information about proprietors/distributors for all varieties included in the tests discussed in this report. Varieties are listed in alphabetical order, with the experimental varieties at the bottom. Experimental varieties are not available for farm use, but commercial varieties can be purchased from dealerships. Look at data from several years and locations when choosing a variety of

clover rather than results from one test year, as is reported in tables 4 through 10. Make sure seed of the variety selected is properly labeled and will be available when needed.

Tables 13 and 14 are summaries of yield data from 2001 to 2020 of commercial varieties that have been entered in the Kentucky trials. The data is listed as a percentage of the mean of the commercial

Table 9. Dry matter yields, seedling vigor, and stand persistence of white clover varieties sown April 2, 2019, at Lexington, Kentucky.

	Seedling		Percen	t Stand				Yield (to	ns/acre)		
	Vigor <sup>1</sup>	20	19	20	20	2019		20	20		2-year
Variety	May 3, 2019	May 3	Oct 23	Mar 25	Sep 24	Total	May 20	Jun 10	Jul 21	Total	Total
Commercial	Varieties-Availa	ble for Farr	n Use								
Will	4.3	98	98	98	96	0.86	0.77	0.62	0.32	1.70	2.56*
RegalGraze	5.0	97	97	94	95	0.95	0.52	0.63	0.27	1.42	2.36*
Alice	4.8	97	97	97	96	0.84	0.34	0.47	0.36	1.16	2.00*
Renovation	4.5	96	95	90	92	0.72	0.36	0.50	0.25	1.11	1.83
Neches	4.3	96	96	92	93	0.65	0.34	0.42	0.29	1.05	1.70
Rampart	3.5	88	92	84	87	0.57	0.29	0.45	0.29	1.03	1.59
Patriot	2.5	81	83	83	83	0.46	0.38	0.44	0.32	1.13	1.59
Apis	4.3	97	97	93	93	0.69	0.32	0.25	0.31	0.88	1.57
Companion	2.3	75	88	84	88	0.24	0.40	0.59	0.30	1.29	1.52
Durana	3.0	91	91	84	84	0.32	0.26	0.45	0.27	0.98	1.30
Experimenta	l Varieties										
GA178	4.8	95	95	94	94	0.74	0.45	0.54	0.35	1.34	2.08*
B-18.2810	2.9	89	89	89	89	0.63	0.40	0.53	0.22	1.15	1.79
Mean	3.8	91	93	90	91	0.64	0.40	0.49	0.30	1.19	1.83
CV,%	17.0	4	5	9	8	46.39	38.96	39.46	44.82	27.01	23.63
LSD,0.05	0.9	6	6	12	11	0.43	0.23	0.28	0.19	0.46	0.62

<sup>1</sup> Vigor score based on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most vigorous seedling growth.

\*Not significantly different from the highest numerical value in the column, based on the 0.05 LSD.

Table 10. Dry matter yields, seedling vigor, and stand persistence of white clover varieties sown April 3, 2020, at Lexington, Kentucky.

	Seedling	Percen	t Stand		Yield (to	ons/acre)	
	Vigor <sup>1</sup>	20	20		20	20	
Variety	June 3, 2020	Jun 3	Sep 24	Jul 14	Aug 13	Sep 15	Total
Commercial V	arieties-Availab	le for Farm L	lse				
RegalGraze	4.6	98	99	0.56	0.64	0.72	1.92*
Dusi	3.8	97	97	0.64	0.59	0.68	1.91*
Alice	3.1	98	98	0.58	0.56	0.66	1.80*
Apis	3.8	97	99	0.65	0.53	0.62	1.80*
Will	3.8	96	97	0.54	0.51	0.73	1.78*
Cresendo	4.8	98	98	0.52	0.63	0.54	1.69*
Patriot	3.0	89	91	0.42	0.49	0.62	1.53
Neches	4.1	97	97	0.44	0.44	0.62	1.49
Rampart	2.5	75	91	0.39	0.32	0.52	1.23
Durana	2.5	89	96	0.41	0.29	0.52	1.22
Experimental	Varieties						
GATR16178	3.5	98	100	0.53	0.50	0.66	1.69*
CW9501	2.8	74	79	0.44	0.49	0.47	1.40
Mean	3.5	92	95	0.51	0.50	0.61	1.62
CV,%	18.6	9	6	25.28	17.98	14.49	12.07
LSD,0.05	0.9	12	8	0.19	0.13	0.13	0.28

<sup>1</sup> Vigor score based on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most vigorous seedling growth.

\*Not significantly different from the highest numerical value in the column, based on the 0.05 LSD.

varieties entered in each specific trial. In other words, the mean for each trial is 100 percent-varieties with percentages over 100 yielded better than average, and varieties with percentages less than 100 yielded lower than average. Direct, statistical comparisons of varieties cannot be made using the summary tables 13 and 14, but these comparisons do help to identify varieties for further consideration. Varieties that have performed better than average over many years and at several locations have stable performance; others may have performed well in wet years or on particular soil types. These details may influence variety choice, and the information can be found in the yearly reports. See the footnotes in tables 13 and 14 to determine which yearly report should be referenced.

#### Summary

Red and white clovers can be productive components of pasture and hayfields. Choose varieties with proven performance in yield and persistence.

The following College of Agriculture publications related to the establishment, management, and harvesting of clover are available at local county Extension offices and are listed in the "Publications" section of the UK Forage website at www.forages. ca.uky.edu:

• Lime and Fertilizer Recommendations (AGR-1)

- Producing Red Clover Seed in Kentucky (AGR-2)
- Grain and Forage Crop Guide for Kentucky (AGR-18)
- Renovating Hay and Pasture Fields (AGR-26)
- Growing Red Clover in Kentucky (AGR-33)
- Establishing Forage Crops (AGR-64)
- Inoculation of Forage Legumes (AGR-90)
- Growing White Clover in Kentucky (AGR-93)
- Weed Control Strategies for Alfalfa and Other Forage Legume Crops (AGR-148)
- Insect Management Recommendations for Field Crops and Livestock (ENT-17)
- Managing Legume-Induced Bloat in Cattle (ID-186)
- Kentucky Plant Disease Management Guide for Forage Legumes (PPA-10D)
- "Emergency" Inoculation for Poorly Nodulated Legumes (PPFS-AG-F-04)

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Table 11. Proprietors of red clover varieties in current trials in Kentucky.

Variety	Proprietor/ KY Distributor
<b>Commercial Varieti</b>	es-Available for Farm Use
Barduro	Barenbrug USA
Bigfoot	Preferred Alfalfa Genetics
Blaze	Mountain View Seeds
Common O	Public
CW9901	Barenbrug USA
Freedom!	Barenbrug USA
Freedom! MR	Barenbrug USA
Gallant	Turner Seed
GA9908	Smith Seed
Kenland (certified)	KY Agric. Exp. Station
Renegade	DLF Pickseed
Robust III	Blue Moon Farms
Rustler	Oregro Seeds
SS-0303RCG	Southern States
<b>Experimental Varie</b>	ties <sup>1</sup>
BARTP9	Barenbrug USA
BARTP10	Barenbrug USA
BARTP11	Barenbrug USA
CW040040	Barenbrug USA
CW30091	Barenbrug USA
IS-TP-12	DLF Pickseed
GATP1412	Univ. of GA
UK2014( 2,4-D)	KY Agric. Exp. Station
PAG-37	Preferred Alfalfa Genetics
RC 0705G	Hood River Seed

Experimental varieties are not available commercially, but provide an indication of the progress being made by forage breeding companies.

Table 12. Proprietors and clover type information
of white clover varieties in current trials in
Kentucky.

Variety	Type	Proprietor/KY Distributor
Commercial	Varieties-Availab	le for Farm Use
Alice	Intermediate	Barenbrug
Apis	-	Smith Seed
Companion	Ladino	Oregro Seeds
Cresendo	Ladino	Barenbrug USA
Durana	Intermediate	Pennington
Dusi	-	Barengrug USA
Neches	Intermediate	Barenbrug USA
Patriot	Intermediate	Pennington
RegalGraze	Ladino	Cal/West Seed
Rampart	Ladino	Oregro Seeds
Renovation	Intermediate	Smith Seed
Will	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.
Experimenta	l Varieties <sup>1</sup>	
B-18.2810	Ladino	Blue Moon Farms
CW9501	_	Barenbrug USA
GA178	-	Smith Seed
GATR16178	_	Univ. of GA

<sup>1</sup> Experimental varieties are not available

commercially, but provide an indication of the progress being made by forage breeding companies.

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Variety	Proprietor	3yr⁴	3yr	2yr	3yr	2yr	3yr	3yr 2yr		3yr 3	3yr 3y	3yr 3)	3yr 2-y	2-yr 3-yr 2-yr	r 2-y	r 2yr	r 3yr	· 2yr	2yr	3yr	3yr 2-yr		3yr	Syr 3	3yr 3yr 2-yr	-yr 2yr	rr 3yr	r 3yr		(#trials)
AA117ER	ABI Alfalfa			110												87							92						6	96(3)
Barduro	Barenbrug USA														93							73			8	83			8	83(3)
Bearcat	Brett Young Seeds											12	122																	I
Bigfoot	Preferred Alf. Genetics														95							107							1(	101(2)
Blaze	<b>Mountain View Seeds</b>								-						102	<u> </u>														I
Cinnamon Plus	Southern States	97		109	112	123	117	94 1	116 1	101 9	98					112	2 102	102	100	100			103	108 1	124		108	8 122		108(19)
Common O	Public						96	97	63	84 9	92 7	70 49	49 80	) 67	85					67	91	70			72 8	85		77		78(16)
CW9901	Barenbrug USA														103							115			1	109			1	109(3)
Dominion	Seed Research of OR			102												95	102						93				109	6	1	100(5)
Emarwan	Turf-Seed		91			117												106						0.	66				1	103(4)
Evolve	DLF Pickseed USA								-		6	96 96	96 102	2							66								6	99(4)
FF9615	LaCrosse Seed											=	110 104	4															1	107(2)
Freedom!	Barenbrug USA	96	118	91	100	108	106	109	99 1	101 9	97 10	107 11	114 113	3 107	7 107	7 136	5 107	, 116	95	107	104	124	119	106 1	115 13	133 102	2 100	0 140		110(29)
Freedom!MR	Barenbrug USA	115	102	114	114		112		-					117	7 129	9 101	6	108				82	111	-	128 1	115 118	∞	125		113(15)
FSG 402	Allied Seed									104										114									1	108(2)
FSG 9601	Allied Seed		89																											I
Gallant	Turner Seed								-	101		112	105	5 101	1 94					107	101	121							Ĕ	105(8)
GA9908	Smith Seed											-	93	-	95							92			∞	85			6	91(4)
Juliet	Caudill Seed					84											93	6									84	59		82(5)
Kenland (cert.)	KY Ag.Exp Sta.	118	117	117	66	111	66	116 1	114 1	109 10	103 10	105 11	119 108	8 107	7 104	t 92	113	106	106	115	100	113	105 1	104 1	123 1	110 98	3 110	0 138		108(29)
Kenland (uncert)	Public						82					41	1				74							-	67		99	92		70(6)
Kenton	KY Ag.Exp Sta.	90	95	112	121				_	_	_	_	_	_		105	5 112	94					106	98	_	98	~	_	2	103(10)
Kenway	KY Ag.Exp Sta.		97	119	118											94	106	103					103	94					1(	104(8)
LS 9703	Lewis Seed								107											86									6	97(2)
Morning Star	Cal/West Seeds																90										90		6	90(2)
Plus II	Allied Seed				130																			97					-1	114(2)
Quinequeli	Caudill Seed					92												80										57		76(3)
Red Gold	Proseeds Marketing			81					$\square$								89						_	_	_	_	102	2	6	91(3)
Red Gold Plus	Turner Seed		95																											I
Redland Max	ABI Alfalfa		95																											I
Robust	Blu Moon Farms										_		78	~																I
Robust II	Seed Research of OR																110										108	8	1(	109(2)
Rocket	Seed Research of OR																106										108	8	1	107(2)
Rustler	Oregro Seeds				83		101	84																94	66			104		94(6)
Solid	Production Service	84		79					-							86							76			84	4		~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	82(5)
SS-0303RCG	Southern States									1(	103 10	109 15	150 117	7 102	2 92					103	104	104			8	80			10	106(10)
Starfire II	Cal/West & Ampac				101		111		_	i i	107	_	_	_			112						<u> </u>	110 1	112	_	115	5 111		110(8)
Triple Trust 350	ABI Alfalfa			101												92							92		_	_			6	95(3)
Wildcat	Brett Young Seeds					101			_	_	_							107						0.	98				1(	102(3)
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Variety	Type	Proprietor	3yr <sup>4</sup>	3yr	3-yr	2-yr	2-yr 3	3yr 2	2yr 3	3yr 3)	3yr 2yr	r 3yr	3yr	2yr	3yr	3yr	2-yr	2-yr	3yr	3-yr	2yr	2yr	(#trials)
Advantage	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.		125				_														106	116(2)
Alice	Intermediate	Barenbrug USA											105	120	78	94	93	111		86			98(7)
Apis	I	Smith Seed Services																87					
Avoca	Dutch	DLF Pickseed				59														82			71(2)
Barblanca	Intermediate	Barenbrug USA		92				-	-	_	_												I
Bombus	Ladino	Hood River													111	115							113(2)
Brianna	Ladino	DLF Pickseed													103	100							102(2)
CA ladino	Ladino	Public	100		124														103		98		106(4)
Colt	Intermediate	Seed Research of OR		90		57		-												114			87(3)
Common	Dutch	Public	100				53		5	98										78			82(4)
Companion	Ladino	Oregro Seeds						87 9	94 9	92								84					89(4)
Crescendo	Ladino	Cal/West Seeds	105			140	-													109			118(3)
Crusader II	Intermediate	Allied Seed, L.L.C.						_	5	90 5	50 54	75											67(4)
Excel	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.			100																		I
Domino	Ladino	Grassland Oregon					-						87										I
Durana	Intermediate	Pennington		94		94	88	82 8	85 9	97 9	93 84	97	89	78	66	89	73	72	87	83	101	95	88(19)
GWC-AS10	Ladino	Ampac Seed								1	102												I
Insight	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.				128	-																I
lvory	Intermediate	Cebeco	96																				I
Ivory II	Intermediate	DLF Pickseed					86		=	101 12	127												105(3)
oqmnr	Ladino	Ampac Seed	93																				I
ll odmul	Ladino	Ampac Seed								1	121 101	_		66									107(3)
Kakariki	Ladino	Luisetti Seeds									_					108							I
Kopu II	Intermediate	Ampac Seed	97			97	95	95 1(	103 9	96 8	80 90												94(8)
KY Select	Intermediate	KY. Agric. Exp. Station								6	98 95												97(2)
Neches	Intermediate	Barenbrug USA						-	-	_	_			79				94					87(2)
Ocoee	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.							30	89 7	74												82(2)
Patriot	Intermediate	Pennington		103		87	104 1	113 9	95 1	117 11	117 99	82	78	88	100	93	92	88	104	100	98	66	98(19)
Pinnacle	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.				120		-												111			116(2)
Rampart	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.					-		97 8	83								88					87(5)
Regal	Ladino	Public	66	96	92				-	118 12	129 147	7 123							107	100	104		112(13)
RegalGraze	Ladino	Cal/West Seeds				127	140 1	102 1(	103					111	119	112	120	131					118(9)
Renovation	Intermediate	Smith Seed Services						_	_				83	85	91			102					90(4)
Resolute	Intermediate	Southern States				63		_		_	_												I
RIVENDEL	I	DLF Pickseed						_							59	88							74(2)
Seminole	Ladino	Saddle Butte Ag. Inc			108	70	79						114										93(4)
Super Haifa	Intermediate	Allied Seed, L.L.C.			77																		I
Tillman II	Ladino	Caudill Seed	103																				I
WBDX	Dutch	Saddle Butte Ag. Inc								7	72												I
Will	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.	107			162	150 1	132 1(	107 1	119 13	137 130	123	143		140 140	102	122	142		136			130(16)
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