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'ABER' WHITE CLOVER VARIETIES

The 'Aber' White Clover varieties have been bred for reliability and flexibility of use under a wide range of farming systems. Individual varieties combine distinctive characteristics in winter hardiness, spring growth, tolerance to a range of grazing and cutting management and to the application of fertiliser nitrogen. They are marketed as varieties or as variety blends to suit particular farm uses. This fact sheet together with 'Aber Grass Varieties' (Fact Sheet 212.01) lists these varieties together with a description of their main features and also identifies their application to the Seeds Mixture models described in Fact sheet No 204.01.

1. WHITE CLOVER VARIETIES

VARIETY / TYPE	FEATURES	MIXTURE REFERENCE 204.1
Small-leaved white clover		
<u>AberAce</u>	Very small leaved variety with high yield for a small leaf variety and good ground cover. Very persistent under sheep grazing in lowland and upland pastures	6
<u>AberCrest</u>	Excellent cold hardiness coupled with good low temperature growth. For use in sheep grazing mixtures	6
Medium-leaved white clover		
<u>AberHerald</u>	Excellent cold hardiness and early spring growth . High yields under rotational grazing by cattle or sheep	3,5,6
<u>AberDai</u>	High yields and persistence under a wide range of livestock systems and for both grazing and silage management	3,5,6
<u>AberConcord</u>	Very high yields under a range of livestock systems. More tolerant of nitrogen fertiliser than other varieties	3,5,6

2. WHITE CLOVER BLENDS

VARIETY BLEND	FEATURES	MIXTURE REFERENCE 204.1
<u>AberDairy</u>	A blend of medium leaved varieties selected for use in dairy cattle grazing and silage leys . Includes AberDai and AberHerald. Good production from early spring and grass/ clover production throughout the season	3,5
<u>AberPasture</u>	A blend of medium and small leaved varieties selected for use in cattle and rotationally grazed sheep leys . Includes AberDai, AberHerald and AberCrest. Good early growth and balanced needs for sheep and cattle pastures	3,6
<u>AberSheep</u>	A blend including 75% small-leaved with 25% medium -leaved varieties selected for tolerance and persistence in closely grazed sheep leys . Varieties are also selected for winter hardiness to meet the needs of upland as well as lowland farms	6

FURTHER INFORMATION

'Aber' varieties are marketed through the agents of British Seed Houses Ltd. Further information can be obtained from:

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Information about other Grass and Clover varieties is contained in the NIAB *Recommended list of grasses and herbage legumes variety leaflet*.

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