

Clover – Foundation, Registered and Certified Production

The requirements shown here are specifically for Foundation, Registered and Certified production of Alsike, Red (single cut and double cut), Sweet and White Clover.

General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops

The basic standards for all crops are set out in [General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops](#). In addition, the following standards apply to Clover.

Land Requirements*

| Inspected Crop | Must NOT be grown on land which: |
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| Foundation | <p>In any of the 5 years prior to the year of seeding produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a non-pedigreed crop of the same crop kind.• a different variety of the same crop kind. <p>In any of the 3 years prior to the year of seeding produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a pedigreed crop of the same variety. |
| Registered | <p>In any of the 3 years prior to the year of seeding produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a crop of the same crop kind. |
| Certified | <p>In any of the 2 years prior to the year of seeding produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a crop of the same crop kind. |

*Except where chemical control measures acceptable to the CSGA have been taken to eradicate growth from a previous crop of the same crop kind.

Crop Inspection

Clover crops must be inspected when the crop is in bloom and before harvest.

Age of Stand

The maximum number of years pedigreed seed can be produced from a stand of Clover established with Breeder or Foundation seed is outlined below. The class that can be produced from a stand varies with the class used to establish the crop, the classes of seed through which a given variety may be multiplied and the number of years the stand has been in production.

| Inspected crop | When crop is established with: | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Breeder seed of a variety without a Registered class | | | Breeder seed of a variety with a Registered class | | | Foundation seed of a variety without a Registered class | | Foundation seed of a variety with a Registered class | |
| | Foundation | Certified | Foundation | Registered | Certified | Registered | Certified | Registered | Certified | |
| Alsike | 2 yrs. | + 2 yrs. | 2 yrs. | + 2 yrs. | 4 yrs. | 2 yrs. | + 2 yrs. | 2 yrs. | + 2 yrs. | |
| Red – double cut | 1 yr. | + 1 yr. | 1 yr. | + 1 yr. | 2 yrs. | 1 yr. | + 1 yr. | 1 yr. | + 1 yr. | |
| Red – single cut | 2 yrs. | + 1 yr. | 2 yrs. | + 1 yr. | 3 yrs. | 2 yrs. | + 1 yr. | 2 yrs. | + 1 yr. | |
| Sweet | 1 yr. | + 0 | 1 yr. | + 0 | 1 yr. | 1 yr. | + 0 | 1 yr. | + 0 | |
| White | 2 yrs. | + 2 yrs. | 2 yrs. | + 2 yrs. | 4 yrs. | 2 yrs. | + 2 yrs. | 2 yrs. | + 2 yrs. | |

Crop Standards

Isolation

The isolation must be reasonably free from plants that may cross pollinate with the inspected crop. The risk to varietal purity posed by plants that may cross pollinate varies depending on area, density, stage of maturity and distance from the inspected crop. These factors will be taken into consideration in determining the pedigreed status of the inspected crop.

Minimum Isolation Distances Required from an Inspected Crop to Other Crops:

1. Varietal Purity

- Inspected pedigreed crop of same variety and class
- Inspected pedigreed crop of same variety, different class
- Different varieties of the same crop kind or non-pedigreed crop of the same crop kind

Distance

- 1 meter (3 feet)
- 3 meters (10 feet)
- Table below

| Area of Inspected Crop | Minimum Isolation Distance | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Foundation | Registered | Certified |
| 5 acres or less | 300 m (984 ft) | 150 m (492 ft) | 50 m (164 ft) |
| More than 5 acres | 200 m (656 ft) | 100 m (328 ft) | 50 m (164 ft) |

2. Mechanical Purity

- Other crop kinds difficult to separate (table below)

Distance

- 3 meters (10 feet)

Maximum Impurity Standards

1. Varietal Purity (off-types/other varieties on average in either 10 or 100 m²)

- Foundation – 3 plants/100 m²
- Registered – 1 plant/10 m²
- Certified – 1 plant/10 m²

2. **Mechanical Purity** (other crop kinds difficult to separate – table below)

- a. Foundation – 3 plants/100 m²
- b. Registered – 1 plant/10 m²
- c. Certified – 1 plant/10 m²

| Inspected crop | Other crop kinds, the seeds of which are difficult to separate from the seeds of the inspected crop |
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| Alsike Clover | Birdsfoot Trefoil, Black Medick, White Clover |
| Red Clover | Alfalfa, Sweet Clover |
| Sweet Clover | Alfalfa, Red Clover |
| White Clover | Alsike Clover, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Black Medick |