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White Dutch Clover is a perennial strain of white clover. Originally brought from Europe by early settlers, white Dutch clover is now naturalized in North America. It is a vigorous plant which has a creeping habit. Forming low mats, white Dutch clover will reach about four inches in height and it will spread indefinitely. In the warmer weather that comes with summer, white Dutch clover will flower with white petals that will reach approximately three-quarters of an inch across. The petals of white Dutch clover also often exhibit pink tinged edges which will turn brown with maturity.

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Planting

White Dutch clover will grow best if planted in moist, well-drained soils. It also requires a neutral soil pH in order to reach its full growth potential. Once established, white Dutch clover growth is rapid. The plant can become very invasive to other plants and will act almost as a weed in some cases. White Dutch clover should be planted in early spring or late summer before mid-August.

Uses

White Dutch clover is used for a ground cover, as erosion control, as a cover crop, in pasture mixtures, and in commercial and residential lawns. Due to its glabrous trifoliate leaves, white Dutch clover acts as a suitable food source for game birds and small mammals. When mixed with other wildlife seeds, white Dutch clover acts as a feed for deer. In regards to livestock, white Dutch clover serves as a palatable and important pasture legume provided that the animals do not over consume it; over-consumption can lead to bloating. White Dutch clover also adds nitrogen to soil which can aid the growth of other foliage.