Sweetclover
*Melilotus* spp.

**Description**
Upright, coarse-stemmed, biennial, cool-season taprooted legume. Grows 4 to 8 feet tall. Leaves have serrations completely around the edge.

**Uses**
Primarily cover crop for wildlife.

**Advantages**
Nitrogen fixation, drought tolerant, winter-hardy.

**Disadvantages**
Intolerant of soil acidity. Contains coumarin, which reduces palatability and causes hemorrhaging in livestock.

**Seeding**
Rate: 10-15 lb/a
Depth: ¼-½ in
Date: Feb 1-Apr 15

**Harvest**
First harvest: Not applicable
Annual yield: 1-3 tons dry matter/a

Sweetclover leaflets are thicker than those of alfalfa and have serrations, or indentions, around the border. The petiole, or stem, of the middle leaflet of sweetclover is much longer than those of the other two leaflets. Sweetclover grows taller than alfalfa and can have either yellow or white flowers.