

MONTI Sub Clover

New Seedmark variety now available!



Monti Sub Clover is an exciting new variety which was recently released at a MacKillop Farm Management field day near Frances in the South East.

Monti has been released as a Trikkala replacement and raises the bar in winter production with an average of 47% more winter production than Trikkala in SARDI trials in 2008 & 2009. Monti also has better disease resistance than Trikkala especially Phytophthora Root Rot and Clover Scorch. It is a Yanninicum type Sub Clover which is medium maturity, flowering about 2 days earlier than Trikkala and also has a high seed set which has moderate hard seed to ensure good regeneration. This was a focus during the development process although Monti shone through even following the tough finishes in 2008 & 2009.

Like all Yanninicum Sub Clovers Monti handles water logged conditions, although it's improved disease resistance will improve this. It is also likely to handle short, dry finishes to the season better than Trikkala and other Yanninicum varieties due to it's maturity. This will make Monti a productive component of pastures in area's that receive more than 450mm annual rainfall, it will work well in combination with another recently released variety Mintaro to provide reliable, prolific and persistent legume growth to growers in these zones.

Monti was bred and developed by SARDI's pastures group and released by the Australian Pasture Alliance (APA), an alliance between SARDI and Seedmark. Struan based SARDI researchers Andy Craig and Freya Hawker lead the development of Monti with an extensive evaluation program run across a number of research site for the last 4 years.

The APA is working on a number of pasture species which are important to farmers in South Australian and across the country. Some of the species include Sub Clover, Medic (including products with tolerance to soil residue from Sulfonylurea herbicides like Glean), Balansa Clover, Persian Clover as well as screening potential new pasture legume species and crosses. The APA is focused on breeding and commercializing varieties that are well suited to Australian farming conditions and system's, while providing productive options for both Grazing and Cropping farmers.

Monti will be available in Autumn 2012 at your local seed retailer . For more information call Seedmark on 1800 112 400.



Freya Hawker & Andrew Craig (SARDI) with Richard Prusa (Seedmark)



Richard Prusa (Seedmark) & Freya Hawker (SARDI) presenting at the Monti sub clover launch at Frances in October.

