



**Seed Genetics**

## **Braidwood White Clover**

### **Origin and Breeding**

Braidwood was selected by Seed Genetics Australia Pty Ltd from naturalised stands of white clover growing in high altitude very cold, frost prone environments. Individual plants were selected and then placed in a crossing nursery and further selections were made over three cycles.

Selections were made with emphasis on growth under frosty and cold situations, superior forage production, high seed yielding ability, freedom from symptoms of virus diseases and strong recovery from cutting, grazing and moisture stress.

The aim in the breeding program was to develop a highly winter active white clover that could grow under cold and frosty conditions but also providing good forage production in spring summer and autumn.

Traditional breeding methods were used to develop Braidwood.

### **Agronomic characters**

This is a vigorous, large leaved highly winter-active variety of white clover. Leaflets are large and have a distinctive pale white water marking, the plants are erect in their growth habit. Plants are slightly earlier flowering than SuperHaifa and Haifa white clover.

As Braidwood is highly winter active (Rating 8/9) it will provide grazing during the colder months in regions experiencing moist winter conditions. Braidwood is expected to show good persistence under grazing by cattle and sheep.

Comprehensive replicated trials at three locations in South East Australia have shown forage yield of Braidwood to be similar to SuperHaifa and approximately 10% better than Haifa white clover

### **Plant Breeders Rights**

It is Seed Genetics Australia's intention to protect Braidwood under plant breeders rights in Australia.

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