



# Campeda

## Subterranean clover

Legumes & Herbs

Stock Type

Dairy, Beef

*Campeda* is ideal for most farm systems. It is a true sub clover, with high levels of hard seed, good winter-spring yields, and a medium flowering date.

### Dense & leafy

*Campeda* is a great all rounder, with prostrate to semi-erect growth producing a leafy, dense sward. It has strong winter vigour, and produces high seed yields to help build a seed bank in the soil. Plenty of hard seed (29%) supports long term persistence.

### Sub advantage

Sub clover is the most widely sown annual legume in NZ. It is normally mixed with grasses and white clover on hill country, and grows well on drier areas, slopes and soils. It grows 4-6 weeks earlier than white clover, providing valuable early quality feed, and nitrogen fixation.

### Management

As an annual, *Campeda* must be allowed to set seed to survive. In year 1, lightly graze paddocks, then rest them during flowering in late spring, to allow seed set. This process needs to be repeated about every 5 years.

Equally important is managing a good establishment of re-seeded *Campeda* in subsequent autumns. It hates trash, so in early autumn graze pastures hard, to 700-1000 kg DM/ha. This creates space for new seedlings. After a good strike, spell the paddock until seedlings have developed at least four trifoliate leaves.

Sow in autumn. If drilling seed, sow shallow at a depth of  $\leq 10$  mm.



*Campeda* changes in size, in winter (left) and in the spring (right).

## Oversowing *Campeda*

Sub clover is often oversown into hill country, and interest has recently increased with the availability of drones. For success this should be planned carefully, ensuring areas are well grazed out. Sowing once autumn rains come, and trampling seed in with stock are proven techniques.

If the paddock does not have a history of sub clover, we recommend inoculating the seed with the specific rhizobium bacteria (Group C) immediately prior to sowing.

*Campeda* seed is relatively large (about 10 times heavier than white clover), and has good ballistic properties if oversowing. We do not coat *Campeda*, as this would create problems in inoculating it with rhizobia.

Sowing *Campeda* stand

10-12 kg/ha

In a seed mix

6-8 kg/ha

**Grow with confidence**

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