

'Don' Falcata Alfalfa

Yellow Flowered Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* ssp. *falcata*)

A new approach in alfalfa development —a grazing type alfalfa meant exclusively for mixed grass plantings on semiarid rangelands and irrigated pastures in the Western US.

- Extremely persistent in harsh and competitive grazing applications on semiarid rangelands and irrigated pastures
- Significantly more persistent in grazing applications than typical purple flowered alfalfas
- Nitrogen-fixing legume increases the productivity of mixed grass rangelands and pastures
- Drought-tolerant and winter-hardy due to fibrous roots and deeply set crown and buds
- Enters complete dormancy when water is limited for extended periods, regrowing when moisture becomes adequate
- Will not dominate in mixed plantings with grasses; low, growth form stays well below the canopy of most grasses
- Advantageous for Conservation Reserve Program-type plantings as a persistent, nonaggressive rangeland legume
- Valuable for land managers needing affordable, drought-tolerant legume species to improve rangelands and pastures



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