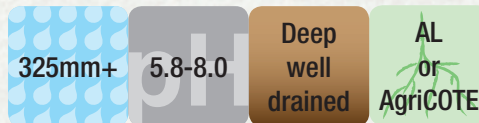




### *Medicago sativa*



### Key Features

- The most grazing tolerant commercial alfalfa variety in Australia
- Persists under periods of set stocking up to two months once established
- Winter activity rating 6 (6.5 effectively)
- Persistence 8-10 years+
- Requires minimal rotational grazing management
- Exceptional persistence across a range of environments from low to high rainfall, dryland and irrigation
- Broadly adapted to a variety of farming systems
- Well suited to mixed swards with perennial grasses such as winter active tall fescue, cocksfoot or phalaris.

### Description

SARDI-Grazer is the most grazing tolerant alfalfa variety currently available in Australia. It is a new winter active variety developed by SARDI and the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia with funding from the GRDC. SARDI-Grazer was developed primarily for use in cropping rotations, where large paddocks limit the use of rotational grazing. It delivers superior persistence where uneven grazing causes areas of the paddock to be heavily grazed before others can be properly utilised.

It is also useful in permanent pastures in medium to high rainfall areas where long periods of continuous grazing (over 4 weeks) by sheep or cattle is common practice.

### Pest Resistance

SARDI-Grazer is highly resistant (HR) to Spotted Alfalfa Aphid (*Therioaphis trifolii*) and Blue-Green Alaphid (*Acyrtosiphon kondoi*). As with other alfalfa varieties, SARDI-Grazer is susceptible to damage from Red Legged Earth Mite (*Halotydeus destructor*) and control measures need to take place prior to seeding or soon after germination. AgriCOTE seed will aid establishment in these circumstances.

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