

COMING FALL 2014

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BALL CLOVER™
Trifolium nigrescens Viv.



The first improvement in ball clover in over 60 years!

*Developed by Auburn University and named in honor
of long time forage extension specialist Dr. Don Ball*



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New Ball Clover Variety

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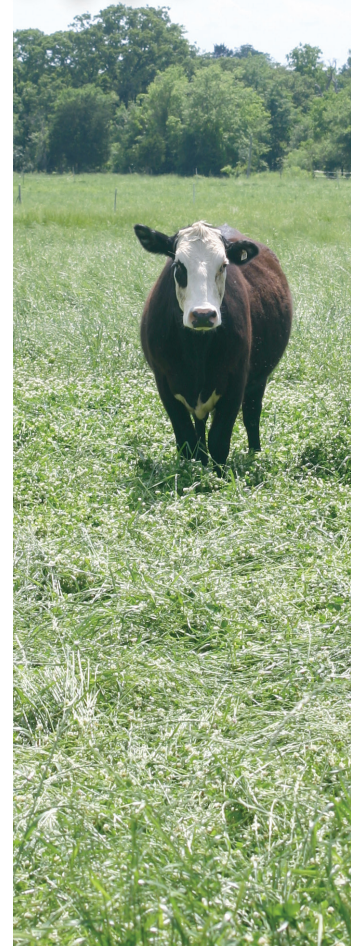
Dr. Jim Bostick
Alabama Crop Improvement Association

Ball clover is a valuable forage legume, but until now only seed of “common” ball clover ecotypes has been available. However, after selecting for yield, hardiness, and a more uniform growth distribution, Dr. Edzard van Santen at Auburn University has released a variety named AU Don.

Attributes of ball clover include the following:

- It is our most widely adapted annual clover, and grows well on many soils ranging from heavy, moist clays to sandy drought-prone sands.
- It is more tolerant of flooding than most annual clovers.
- It tends to not germinate when temperatures are high, but can germinate at lower temperatures than most other annual clovers.
- It produces a high percentage of hard seed and blooms prolifically, even when grazed closely. Therefore, it can reseed even under heavy grazing pressure.
- It is attractive to bees and is an excellent honey plant.
- The recommended seeding rate is only two pounds (PLS) per acre.

Ball clover is one of the most sustainable forage plants adapted to be grown in the deep south. This new variety can put dollars in the pockets of many cattlemen and others who grow forage crops. The new variety will be marketed by Fairlie Seed Company, Commerce, Texas.



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