Herald is the result of cycles of crossing and selection for resistance using the variety Harbinger and an aphis resistant parent. Herald is an early mid maturing and generally begins flowering 70 to 95 days after planting which is the same as Harbinger, reflecting its parentage. Herald is semi-prostrate in habit, has leaves with prominent dark brown blotch on each leaflet with a single purple fleck on the underside and produces clockwise coiling pods. Herald is generally soft seeded and regenerates well the following year. Herald is generally suited to "phasel" pastures and will regenerate well both in the year immediately after seed set or after up to three years cropping break.

- Early mid maturity, adapted to 275 400mm rainfall regions
- An excellent producer of both herbage and seed
- Soft seeded
- Resistant to spotted alfalfa aphid and blue green aphid
- Moderate resistant to cowpea aphid
- Well suited to sands and sandy loam soils