

Benefits of brassicas.

Brassica forage crops are high in energy and protein providing a high quantity of feed for your stock. Brassica forage crops are ideal in any situation where pasture quantity or quality is limiting the potential production of your stock.

If any of the following situations relate to you then you could benefit from growing brassica forage crops to increase your stocks productivity and profitability:

- Periods of feed shortage through the summer, autumn and winter.
- Low pasture quality which requires you to bring in supplementary feed.
- The need to quickly finish stock with quality feed.

Which brassica cultivar is best for me?

Choosing the right cultivar for your stock requirements depends on a range of factors including soil, climate and stock feed requirements.

We are happy to discuss the options available with you and the different benefits of each variety to ensure that you grow quality feed from quality advice. We'll find the right match of seed to soil for the best results on your farm.

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Benefits by season.

Summer.

Brassicas provide a safe summer feed to avoid parasites and pathogens that may cause animal health problems, for example rye grass staggers or facial eczema.

Brassicas provide feed at a time when pastures are of low quality and when low moisture levels impact pasture growth.

Autumn.

Brassicas support an increasing stocking rate if you are removing paddocks in rotation for pasture renewal.

Brassicas are an ideal break crop which can decrease pest levels, significantly reduce weed problems and correct soil fertility, which will ultimately result in cleaner, higher producing pasture.

Winter.

Brassicas provide a maintenance feed for stock when pasture growth is limited, which allows building of pasture cover reserves by holding stock on small areas, allowing pasture across the farm to build up for valuable, high quality, early-spring feed and to avoid widespread pasture damage in very wet conditions.

Winter stock finishing.

Brassicas provide a large quantity of quality feed suitable for finishing stock, high in energy and protein.



Product range.

Winter feed brassica options.

Kale.

Sowing rate: 4-5kg/ha

Cultivar	Stem type	Days to grazing
*Caledonian	Giant stem	150-220
Grunner	Giant stem	150-220
*Keeper	Medium stem	150-220
Kestral	Medium stem	150-220
Proteor	Medium stem	150-220
*Regal®	Intermediate stem	150-220
Sovereign	Intermediate stem	150-220
*Fuel	Intermediate stem	150-220
*Voltage	Intermediate stem	150-220

Swede.

Sowing rate: 0.8-1.5kg/ha

Cultivar	Flesh colour	Days to grazing
Aprima Gold	Yellow fleshed	170-250
Dominion	Yellow fleshed	180-200
Highlander	White fleshed	170-250
*Invitation	Yellow fleshed	170-250
Major Plus	Yellow fleshed	150-230
Winton	White fleshed	160-240
*Virtue	Yellow fleshed	150-230

Winter turnips.

Sowing rate: 0.8-1.5kg/ha

Cultivar	Days to grazing
Greenglobe	90-120
Green Resistant	80-120
Manga	60-80
New York	60-80
*White Star	80-110
York Globe	60-80

Miscellaneous.

Cultivar	Comments
SR Brigadier Fodder Beet	Pelleted seed only, limited supply.

Product range.

Summer/Autumn brassica options.

Summer turnips.

Sowing rate: 1-3kg/ha

Cultivar	Days to grazing
Appin	60-90
Barkant	60-90
*Dynamo	70-100
Rival	60-90
*SF e max	60-110
York Globe	60-80

Forage brassica.

Sowing rate: 3-4kg/ha

Cultivar	Days to grazing
Hunter	42-70
Pasja	42-70
Wairoa	70-85
*Tyfon	50-70

Forage rape.

Sowing rate: 3-4kg/ha

Cultivar	Days to grazing
Bonar	90-110
Goliath®	90-110
Greenland	90-110
*Interval	80-100
Maxima Plus	90-110
*Titan™	90-110
Rangi	90-110
*Sparta	70-85
Winfred	70-85

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