

Forage rape

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Forage Rape - Barcoli

Very fast autumn grazing option

- Multi-purpose forage rape with excellent autumn to early winter feed potential.
- BARCOLI is a flexible forage option that can be spring sown for a late summer feed behind turnips or autumn sown for winter grazing.



- Dairy
- Beef
- Sheep

Advantages

- Good regrowth potential with excellent winter keeping properties
- Good aphid tolerance
- Fast growing leafy catch crop
- High protein content
- Longer lasting than stubble turnips
- Flexible sowing period
- Sheep, dairy or beef production

Expert Advice

Plant two-thirds of the cropable area in early maturing SAMSON and one-third in this late maturing variety BARCOLI at the same time (**not together**). This will provide high quality summer feed that can be grazed from 60-150 days after sowing.

Utilisation: Graze in situ

Sowing period: Spring & early summer

Utilisation period: Autumn & winter

Days to maturity: 90 - 110 days

Soil type: Grows on most soils ideally with a pH of 6 - 6.5.

Sowing rate: Drilled, natural seed 6 kg/ha - Broadcast, natural seed 10 kg/ha.

Seed bed: Firm, fine level seed bed, can be drilled into cereal stubbles

Always ensure a run back area, fibre, fresh water and mineral source is available for grazing livestock.

General Information

Forage Rape has a high energy value (10 - 11 MJ ME/kg DM) and a highly digestible crude protein content of 18-19%. In general, the taller varieties develop more stems but, as a compensation, the leaves remain cleaner.

Forage Rape will yield around 3.5t DM/ha and for maximum utilisation, it should be strip grazed using electric fencing. Forage Rape also has some regrowth potential and can also be used as a green manure crop because of its high and speedy production of dry matter both above and below ground level. It shows good tolerance to night frost and has a rapid initial growth rate.

Forage Rape can be sown anywhere between May to early September but always around 15 weeks before the feed is required. While typically sown as pure stands, it can be sown in combination with other forages.

For winter feed, it can be planted with annual or Italian ryegrasses and even as part of a brassica feeding programme with stubble turnips.

Pack sizes: Available in pack sizes of 10kg or 25kg

Specifications

Drilled/acre	2.5kg/acre
Drilled/ha	6kg/ha
Broadcast/acre	4kg/acre
Broadcast/ha	10kg/ha
Pack sizes	10kg; 20kg

Composition

100% Barcoli Forage Rape

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