

Summer Turnip

Summer turnips (*Brassica rapa*) offer nutritious, very palatable feed. They are fast maturing, can be grazed 60-100 days after sowing and typically yield 8-12 t DM/ha, for a single grazing.

They are mainly used for dairy cows as a high energy summer feed to keep them milking well when pasture growth and quality is typically poor. Summer turnips have high ME (typically 12 MJ ME/kg DM) so they complement pasture or maize silage during this time. They should comprise no more than a third of a milking cow's diet.

Summer turnips are also great for pasture renewal, breaking the weed and pest cycle, and giving you a good seedbed for autumn sown pasture.

Barenbrug summer turnip cultivar

Dynamo

Dynamo is an early maturing, high yielding cultivar that offers quality summer feed. It produces a good level of bulb, giving it an advantage in seasons when high levels of leaf diseases or pests are present.

Other summer turnip cultivars

Barkant

High yielding summer bulb turnip with a tankard bulb shape to reduce the risk of choke. High energy with good protein bulb and leaf.

Marco

Earliest maturing turnip available, with an interval to grazing of just 50-70 days. Highly palatable tetraploid tankard type turnip.

Ceres Rival

Early maturing cultivar with good leaf production and leaf holding ability. Ideally used for pasture renovation.

CleancropTM Toto

Sold as part of the Cleancrop™ Brassica System; high yielding summer turnip with a tankard bulb shape for increased utilisation, can be grazed at 55-90 days.

Leafy turnip

Leafy turnips (*Brassica rapa*), or 'forage brassicas', are made by crossing turnips with other brassicas. They are usually used for summer/autumn lamb finishing, as an alternative to rape, with better regrowth. But they are not as tolerant of dry conditions.

Leafy turnips establish quickly and are ready to graze 40-60 days after sowing. They can yield 6-12 t DM/ha. Climate and grazing management greatly influence your regrowth.

Hunter

Fast-establishing cultivar for stock finishing in fertile, summer moist areas. Good plant survival through multiple grazings.

Pasja II

Early maturing leafy cultivar producing little bulb. Offers high yields from multiple grazings, but with reduced bolting (flowering) plants compared to *Pasja*.

Pacer

Fast growing leafy turnip suited to medium-high fertility soils with summer moisture or irrigation, offering multiple grazings

CleancropTM Leafy Turnip

Sold as part of the CleancropTM Brassica System; multi-graze Pasja type with reduced bolting. Superior yield and regrowth potential to Pasja II.

Winter turnip

Winter turnips (*Brassica rapa*) are mainly used in drier South Island regions as a single graze winter crop. They are typically sown in January-February, and ready for grazing in 2-4 months, depending on the cultivar.

Winter turnips have better tolerance of lighter soils and lower soil fertility than summer turnips. They can also be used as late maturing summer turnips.

Green Globe

Traditional late maturing winter hardy bulb turnip. Can complement an earlier maturing cultivar to provide later grazing. Bulbs are green skinned and white fleshed.

Ceres New York

Medium maturing, pink/red skinned, white-fleshed turnip with good disease tolerance.

York Globe

Medium to late maturing turnip with a white-skinned and white fleshed bulb.

CleancropTM Bulb Turnip

Sold as part of the CleancropTM Brassica System; high yielding bulb turnip. Suits sowing from late spring through to late summer.



