What is Puna II chicory?
Puna II chicory is a broad-leaved perennial forage crop that offers high yields of very palatable and nutritious fodder for grazing livestock. Extensively proven in New Zealand, Puna II chicory is now being grown successfully in the UK.

How is it best used?
- Pure stand, or in a mixed sward with grass and clover.
- Medium – Long term rotationally grazed leys (2-6 yr persistency)
- Ideal for finishing lambs and provides high quality fodder for cattle
- High yield and forage value within grazing mixtures.

What are the main benefits?
- Outstanding animal performance
- High mineral content, including zinc, potassium and copper
- Good tolerance to drought, acid soils and major pests
- Rapid regrowth after grazing
- Reduces the effect of internal parasites and does not cause bloat
- Can deliver lamb growth rates of 300-400g/day
- Provides high quality feed through the summer

Finishing lambs on Puna II chicory
Typical mixture
4.0kg Puna II chicory
5.0kg AberRuby red clover
4.0kg AberHerald white clover

Crop establishment
Sowing:
- Control broad-leaved weeds before sowing
- Sow in spring or (mixed swards only) early autumn
- Seed rate 0.5-2kg/ha (with grass/clover); 4-6kg/ha (pure stand); 4kg/ha (white/red clover)
- Well-drained soils
- Drill to a maximum depth of 10mm, or broadcast
- Use slug bait to improve establishment

Crop nutrition:
- Moderate – high soil fertility
- Similar N, P and K to grass at establishment
- Responds well to N (does not fix nitrogen)