

# Forage Crops Selector

Forage crops provide an extremely cost effective way of supplementing livestock rations during times when fodder may be scarce, during dry spells in summer and the cold winter months. They will supply substantial quantities of palatable material at relatively low production costs, balancing the amount of bought-in feed required.

## ICON KEY



LIFTING



CATTLE GRAZING



SHEEP GRAZING



CULINARY USE

Stock should be introduced gradually over a two week period and an area of grassland should be available for animals to return to; water and hay or straw should also be made available. Please contact your supplier for further guidance.

Crop	Page No.	Pack Size	Average Sowing Rate kg per Hectare		Sowing Date Guide	Utilisation Period	Average Drill Depth cm	Average Row Width cm	Suggested Guide to Seedbed Fertiliser (kg) ha		
			Broadcast	Direct Drill					N	P	K
Stubble Turnip	34	10kg & 25kg	7.5	5	April - mid September	June to December	1 - 2	n/a	75	40	40
Main Crop Turnip	34	2kg	5	2.5 - 3.5	May - July	October to January	1 - 2	n/a	40	80	100
Forage Rape	35	10kg & 25kg	10	6	May - end of September	July to December	1 - 2	n/a	20	40	40
Fodder Beet	36	1 acre (50,000 seeds)	-	Precision drill 50,000 seed/acre	March - May	October to March	2.5 - 3	50 - 60	110	50	50
Swede	37	500g & 1kg	5	Precision drill 150-350g/acre grade H Direct drill 1	April - June	August to March	1 - 2	45 - 70 graded 40 natural	40	80	100
Kale	38	1kg	7.5	2.5 - 4.5	April - July	September to March	1 - 2	50	100	50	120
Rapid Root Mixture	39	5kg	8.5	6	Mid April - mid September	July to December	1 - 2	n/a	60	50	50
Winter Graze Mixture	39	5kg	8.5	6	Mid July - mid September	Post Christmas grazing	1 - 2	n/a	60	50	50

**DISCLAIMER** These tables are given in good faith and intended for general guidance only. Weather, local conditions and crop rotations must always be taken into account.