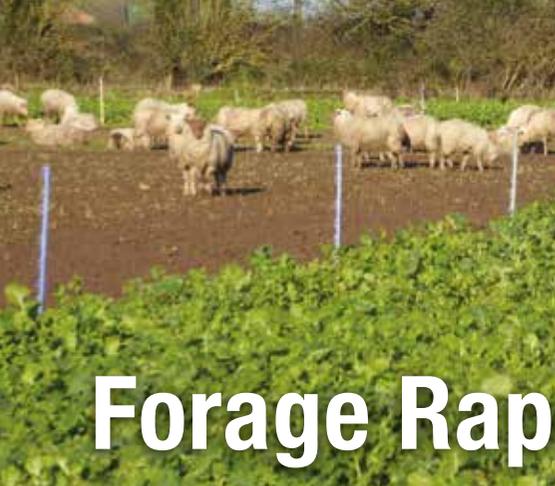


# Forage Rape



**Forage Rape** has the advantage of being a very fast growing crop suitable for grazing by sheep or cattle. It is an ideal catch crop for boosting midsummer forage production for livestock farmers when planted in the spring, it is also suitable for fattening lambs in the autumn/winter. Forage rape extends the grazing season in the autumn and is superb for flushing ewes. It is better to strip graze to avoid excessive wastage.

Forage Rape can be mixed with stubble turnips and kale to combine the many benefits of these crops (see page 39 for root mixtures).

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.

## EMERALD



Emerald is a proven, well known variety producing rapidly establishing, medium to tall leafy plants maturing in 10-12 weeks after sowing. It is fast growing with average dry matter yields and good general disease resistance. Importantly, it has very good feeding quality, being high in protein and easily digestible, remaining palatable well into the winter. An added benefit is its widely branched root system for improvement of soil structure.

Sowing rate **6 - 10kg/ha**  
Pack size **10kg & 25kg**  
Treatment **Untreated**

### Forage Rape Yield and Feed Quality

Average dry matter yield	3.5 - 4 tonnes/ha
Average fresh yields	24 - 35 tonnes/ha
Crude protein	19 - 20% (mainly leaves)
Digestibility value	65D
Dry matter	12 - 14%
Metabolisable energy	10 - 11 MJ/kg DM

## ORGANIC FORAGE RAPE



Widely grown in Europe, Sparta forage rape is a leafy palatable plant with high protein content, high dry matter yield and good winter hardiness. It is a very late flowering variety which performs well whether sown for summer, autumn or winter use.

Sowing rate **6 - 10kg/ha**  
Pack size **25kg**  
Untreated organic seed (Very Limited)

## ZOOM BRASSICA MIXTURE



Zoom is a blend of Winfred hybrid brassica and forage rape. This is a very vigorous and quick growing mixture which is ideal for replacing failed crops or patching spring sown crops. High seedling vigour gives a reliable establishment of a high leaf to stem ratio crop with carefully selected varieties that have good disease and bolting resistance.

Sowing rate **6 - 10kg/ha**  
Pack size **5kg**  
Treatment **Untreated**



## SPITFIRE HYBRID FORAGE BRASSICA



Spitfire is a modern rape created by crossing rape with kale and is a good companion to use with other fast establishing brassicas. It is a medium-tall variety with high dry matter yield, excellent aphid tolerance, good stock palatability and rapid establishment to maturity. It also has very good re-growth potential but needs to be carefully managed to avoid damage to stems. Spitfire is a multi-purpose rape suitable for planting in spring for excellent summer and autumn feed or in early autumn for quality winter feed. The main strengths of Spitfire are excellent yield, insect tolerance, and a low dry matter (DM%) stem. The very low DM% content of the stem produces high quality forage with good utilisation at grazing.

Sowing rate **6 - 10kg/ha**  
Pack size **5kg & 25kg**  
Treatment **Untreated**