



Swedes



Swedes are a full season root crop which are mainly fed in situ, but can also be lifted and stored in a clamp. They are an excellent high energy winter feed. It is advisable to use an electric fence to reduce wastage. They do best in areas of high rainfall, so are generally grown in the more northerly and western areas of the UK. Swedes can be grown in a wide range of soil types with good drainage as they are sensitive to compaction and poor drainage; they do best in soils with a pH of approximately 6.5. The majority of swede crops are now sown with precision drills which require a level seed bed. Varieties are generally classed as fodder or culinary types; however there are some dual purpose types.

All natural seed is packed in 1 kg packs
Cruiser SB Flea Beetle treated

All graded seed is packed in 0.5 kg packs
Cruiser SB Flea Beetle treated

AIRLIE



Airlie is a low to medium dry matter variety with a very high fresh yield and good disease resistance. It is a dual purpose variety suitable for fodder and culinary use with purple skin and creamy white flesh. Airlie is an early to intermediate use variety.

MARIAN



Marian is a medium dry matter variety with moderate resistance to club root. It is a dual purpose variety suitable for fodder and culinary use with yellow coloured flesh and purple skin.

RUTA OTOFTE



Ruta Otofte is a medium dry matter variety with good mildew resistance. It is a dual purpose variety suitable for fodder and culinary use with purple skin and cream coloured flesh. Ruta Otofte is a popular variety with sheep farmers.

KENMORE



Kenmore is an early maturing variety with medium dry matter, best suited as stock feed not culinary use. It has good winter hardiness which means it has a very wide utilisation window. Kenmore has bronze skin with white flesh.

Variety	Airlie	Marian	Ruta Otofte	Kenmore
Fodder	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culinary	✓	✓	✓	
Root shape (9=globe 1=tankard)	6	4	5	5
Skin colour	Light purple	Purple	Dark purple	Bronze
Flesh colour	Creamy white	Yellow	Cream	White

Seed Rate Calculator Guide - No. of Seeds X 1000

Spacings	Row Width					
	18"	20"	22"	24"	26"	28"
Spacings 2"	174	157	143	131	121	112
Spacings 3"	116	105	95	87	80	75
Spacings 4"	87	78	71	65	60	56
Spacings 5"	70	63	57	52	48	45
Spacings 6"	58	52	48	44	40	37

(For seed size grade H (1.75 - 2.00mm) 1000 seed weight grade H approx 3.2g)

Swede Yield and Feed Quality	
Average dry matter yield	7 - 10 tonnes/ha
Average fresh yields	70 - 80 tonnes/ha
Crude protein	10 - 11%
Digestibility value	82D
Dry matter	9 - 13%
Metabolisable energy	12.8 - 13.1 MJ/kg DM
Sugars in DM	59%