

Forage Turnip - Barkant

Brassicas

- Vigorous white turnip
- Good leaf & root yield
- Ideal for grazing
- High-energy feed
- High sugar & dry-matter content
- Multiple harvest potential



Within the Brassicas family, turnips are the quickest specie to establish. Barkant Turnip also has the potential of being grazed multiple times. The first grazing however, will be the most important one. Both sheep and cattle can graze turnips. It is important not to graze too large of an area at once.

Strip-grazing prevents both yield and quality losses due to tramping and polluting. It is also important not to overfeed the cattle when they are allowed to graze the turnips at first. Extreme high dry matter intake of Turnips (and other Brassicas) can cause health problems. Therefore, cattle should be allowed to adjust to the change of diet. Supplementing with other forages with less protein and sugars will also prevent problems.

Planting and establishment

Barkant requires good soil drainage and a pH between 5.3 and 7.5. Seed should be planted in a firm, moist, seedbed. Barkant can be broadcasted or drilled at 3-5kg/ha. It is very important not to plant the seed too deep. Brassicas should be planted no longer than 2 consecutive years to prevent disease and pest problems.