

Rape

Introduction

Rape is a fast maturing single or multi-graze crop that can be sown for summer, autumn or winter feed. It can be sown from early spring to late summer depending on its use.

As a summer crop, rape is sown in September-November, to graze around 70-110 days after sowing. It provides quality summer and autumn feed in dry areas, to maintain animal growth when pasture yield is typically poor.

Winter rape is sown from November-February, depending on feed requirements. It is typically ready to graze 80-120 days after sowing. An autumn grazing is possible from early sowings.

Rape's feed value is high, but the crop must be mature before grazing during spring, summer and autumn to avoid rape scald. For more information refer to page 131.

Variety descriptions

Interval

Interval is a tall, late maturing variety with high DM yields. It has good tolerance to dry conditions and frost, and is suitable as both an autumn and/or winter feed (Refer also to the *Interval* sheet on page 123).

Goliath

Goliath is a late maturing tall variety with high yield and regrowth potential.

SF Greenland

Early maturing variety with intermediate growth habit. Good aphid tolerance and suitable for a range of environments.

SF Sparta

Quality rape with traditional maturity and intermediate height with good clubroot tolerance.

Titan

Early maturing, high yielding variety with intermediate height. It has good aphid tolerance and is well suited to summer and autumn grazing.

Winfred

Early maturing leafy variety with good regrowth potential.