

Summer turnips

Introduction

Summer turnips offer nutritious, highly palatable feed. They are fast maturing, grazed 60-100 days after sowing and typically yield 8-12 t DM/ha, for a single grazing.

They are mainly used for dairy cows as a high quality summer feed to maintain milk production in situations where pasture growth and quality is typically poor. Summer turnips are high in feed quality (typical ME is 12+), so complement the feeding of pasture or maize silage during this time. They should comprise no more than a third of a milking cow's diet.

Summer turnips are also useful for pasture renovation, providing a good break crop and seedbed for autumn sown pasture.

Variety descriptions

Dynamo

Dynamo is an early maturing, high yielding variety that offers quality summer feed. It produces a good level of bulb, giving it an advantage in seasons when high levels of leaf diseases or pests are present. (Refer also to the *Dynamo* sheet on page 121).

Barkant

An early maturing high yielding variety with soft bulbs and a lower proportion of bulb than *Dynamo*.

SF E Max

Early maturing variety with a high proportion of bulbs.

SF Envy

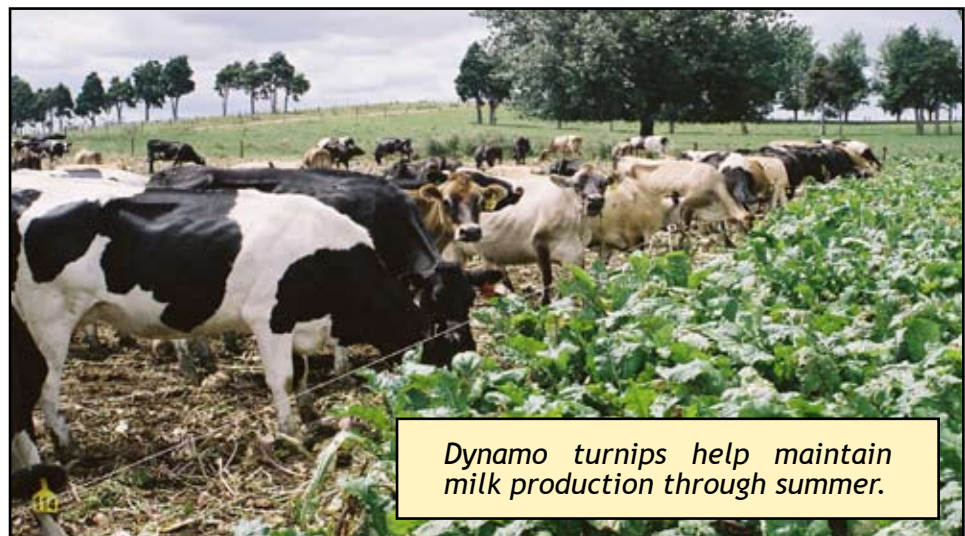
Early maturing variety with high leaf yields.

Marco

Marco is a very early maturing, high yielding tetraploid variety.

Rival

Early maturing variety with good leaf production and leaf holding ability.



Dynamo turnips help maintain milk production through summer.