

Summer turnips

Introduction

Summer turnips offer nutritious, highly palatable feed. They are fast maturing, can be 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 have high ME (typically 12+) so they 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 renewal, providing a good break crop and seedbed for autumn sown pasture.

Cultivar descriptions

Dynamo

Dynamo is an early maturing, high yielding cultivar 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.

Barkant

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

SF E Max

Early maturing cultivar with a high proportion of bulb.

SF Envy

Early maturing cultivar with high leaf yields.

Marco

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

Ceres Rival

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



Dynamo turnips help maintain milk production through summer.