

## Leafy turnips

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### Introduction

Leafy turnips, also sometimes called ‘forage brassicas’, are produced from crossing turnips with other brassicas to develop cultivars with differing characteristics, depending on their parentage.

They are usually used for summer-autumn lamb finishing, as an alternative to rape, with better regrowth, but they are not as tolerant of dry conditions.

Leafy turnips establish quickly and are ready to graze 40-60 days after sowing. They can yield up to 10-12 t DM/ha, with regrowth greatly influenced by climate and grazing management.

### Cultivar descriptions

#### *Hunter*

Cultivar with fast establishment for stock finishing in fertile, summer moist areas. Good plant survival through multiple grazings.

#### *Pasja*

Early maturing cultivar producing large amounts of leaf and little bulb. It offers high yields from multiple grazings.

#### *SF Pacer*

Fast growing leafy turnip that is suited to medium-high fertility soils with summer moisture or irrigation, offering multiple grazings.

## Winter turnips

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### Introduction

Winter turnips are mainly used in drier regions of the South Island as a single graze winter crop. They are typically sown in January - February to be ready for grazing in 2 to 4 months, depending on the cultivar sown.

Winter turnips have good tolerance of lighter soils and lower soil fertility. They can also be used as late maturing summer turnips.

### Cultivar descriptions

#### *Appin*

Smaller multi-crowned bulb with leaf regrowth potential.

#### *Green Globe*

Traditional late maturing cultivar. Can complement an earlier maturing cultivar to provide later grazing. Green-skinned, white fleshed bulbs.

#### *SF G2*

A late maturing, green-skinned, white-fleshed turnip with good disease tolerance.

#### *Ceres New York*

Early to medium maturing purple skinned and white fleshed cultivar. Good leaf to bulb ratio. Improved tolerance to turnip mosaic virus.

#### *SF White Star*

Medium to late maturing turnip with a white-skinned and white fleshed bulb.

#### *York Globe*

Soft turnip with early to medium maturity. Purple-skinned, white-fleshed bulb.