Brassicas

Brassicas are generally used to increase the grazing season. All brassicas have highly digestible cell walls and very high protein levels. Turnips (Brassica rapa rapa) can either be grazed or harvested and fed direct. Rapes (Brassica napus) can be grazed or cut for direct feeding. Both species can also be used for green manure. The high production of dry matter both above and below ground level increases organic matter available in the soil.

Barkant Turnip

Grow now, graze later!

- For summer slump or early winter feed
- High energy (80% TDN, 0.8 Nel), 30% crude protein stored feed
- Low seed costs, high return

Barkant is an improved forage turnip that combines higher leaf production and a purple tankard root (50% of the bulb is above the soil surface). Barkant produces high yields with good top growth. Barkant is a diploid variety, with good resistance to bolting and very good disease resistance. The high sugar content provides winter hardiness and improved palatability. Production of up to 4-6 tons/acre of dry matter under good grazing management is common. Crop maturity occurs in 60-90 days. Excellent for stockpiling and strip grazing. Barkant turnips provide an excellent option for pasture renovation break crop.