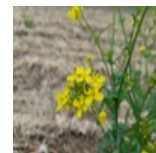


Brassica
Brassica, Forage
Brassica oleracea



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COVER CROP DESCRIPTION

Assorted hybrids of rapeseed, radish, turnips, mustards, kales, and collards. Can be grown spring through fall; not winter hardy. Fast-growing. High biomass, good for forage and silage. Should not constitute the majority of livestock diet. Does not form associations with arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi. If grown for silage, plant in mix with a cover crop with higher dry matter such as cereal rye.

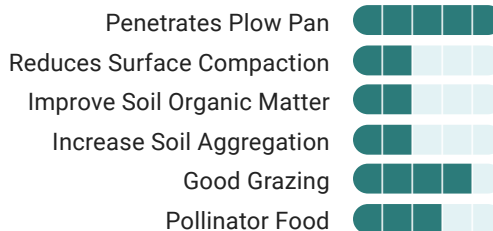


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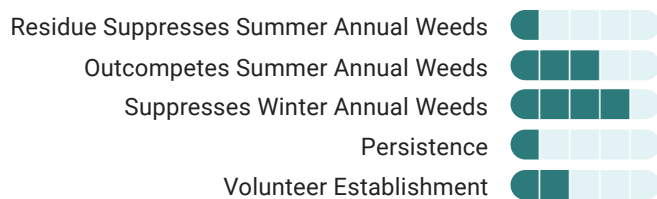


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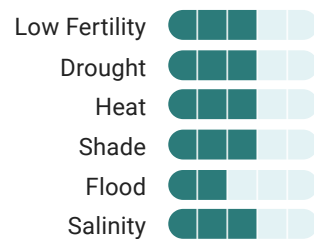
GOALS



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Growth Traits

Duration	Annual
Zone Use	Emerging
Shape And Orientation	Erect
Dry Matter (Lbs/A/Yr)	500 - 2000
Soil Texture	Medium
	Fine
Soil pH	6 - 7.2
Soil Moisture Use	Medium
Hessian Fly Free Date?	No
Ease Of Establishment	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Establishes Quickly	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Early Spring Growth	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Flowering Trigger	Long
Root Depth	Medium

Soil Drainage

Very Poorly Drained	
Poorly Drained	
Somewhat Poorly Drained	
Moderately Well Drained	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Well Drained	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Excessively Drained	
Saturated Muck	
Well Drained Muck	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>

Planting

Seeds Per Lb	100000
Seed Price Per Lb	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Base Seeding Rate (Lbs/A)	3 - 4
Drilled Depth	0.25" - 0.5"
Can Aerial Seed?	No
Can Frost Seed?	No
Min Germination Temp (°F)	40

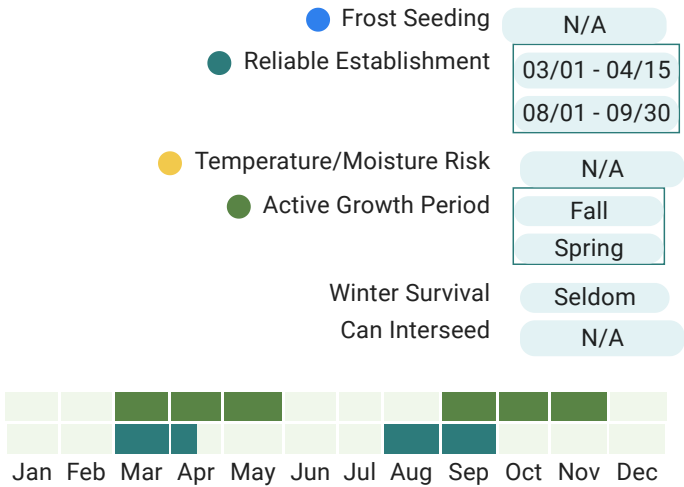
Termination

Tillage At Vegetative	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Tillage At Flowering	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Freezing At Vegetative	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Freezing At Flowering	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Chemical At Vegetative	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Chemical At Flowering	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Mow At Flowering	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Roller-Crimp At Flowering	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>



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Planting and Growth Windows



Extended Comments

Basic Agronomics: Dry matter highly dependent on planting and termination date and precipitation. Scavenges sulfur. For grazing purposes, restrict to 75% of total ration or mixing with a grass is recommended. High glucosinolates interfere with mineral metabolism. Nitrate poisoning is possible if fed to livestock.

Forage and Grazing: Bloat risk and some other animal health concerns to manage when grazing brassicas.

Weeds: Many Brassicas have hard seed; Can bolt under certain conditions and become a serious weed if allowed to go to seed.

Disease: Many Brassicas have hard seed; Can bolt under certain conditions and become a serious weed if allowed to go to seed. Host for root-lesion nematode (*P. penetrans*).

Nematodes: Host for root-lesion nematode (*P. penetrans*).

References & Resources

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