

# Graza Forage Radish

## Key Features

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Graza forage radish is a fast growing, drought tolerant radish which can be grazed multiple times. The major advantages are its persistence and rapid regrowth. Only 6-8 weeks of maturity is required before the first grazing. Graza is characterized by uniquely smooth leaves, a low crown and late flowering. Its palatability, yield, and quality under grazing compares favorably to the commonly used leafy turnips. These aspects make it ideal for sheep grazing.

Graza has a remarkable digestible dry matter accumulation and metabolizable energy level, higher than that of corn or sorghums. This radish offers a palatable solution to the effects of cool season pastures during the summer when weight gains are difficult to achieve.

- Graza won't bolt in the spring, so it make a great spring option
- 2-4 grazings are capable
- The only true forage radish variety

## Applications

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Cover Crop  
Pasture

## Planting Time

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Spring to late Summer

## Establishment

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Graza can be broadcast or drilled. It is cost effective to grow, easy to sow and quick to germinate. Graza is known for its weed suppression due to its rapid establishment and growth. As this brassica continues to grow, it takes up excess nutrients in the soil and stores it for the next cash crop to utilize.

## Management Keys

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Forages of the Brassica family are very useful for extending the grazing season when other forage are less productive. Brassicas have extremely high yield potential when grown on high fertility soils and carefully managed. Cold, drought and heat tolerant, these crops commonly provide valuable feed when other crops are less productive.

The radish typically needs two to three nights in the teens to winterkill, making it a good option to keep a living root in the ground longer into the fall



## Characteristics

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Recovery after grazing	3
Cover Crop	5
Spring Planting	3
Late Summer Planting	5
Fall Planting	5

Scale 1-5 (1 = Poor, 5 + Excellent)

## Seeding Rate

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3-4 lbs/acre – Planted  
6-8 lbs/acre – Drilled  
9-10 lbs/acre - Broadcast

## Seeding Depth

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No deeper than 1/4"

