

T-Raptor Forage Rape

Key Features

T-Raptor is an early maturing hybrid brassica, a cross between a forage turnip and a forage rape, and exhibits a leafy growth habit (higher leaf-to-bulb ratio) well-suited for grazing. T-Raptor can provide higher crude protein and digestibility at half the cost of hay or conserved forages. Brassicas have extremely high yield potential when grown on high-fertility soils and properly managed. Brassicas can produce as many as 40 tons (wet) per acre.

Uses

Forage
Cover Crop

Planting Time

Spring-Late Summer

Establishment

T-Raptor can be broadcast or drilled with six to eight-inch rows at 3 to 4 pounds/acre. It is very important not to plant the seed too deep; one-eighth inch will work best. T-Raptor is fast to establish and can be sown in spring or late summer.

Management Keys

With good management, T-Raptor can be grazed once per month. T-Raptor is early maturing with a 7-10-week crop duration. With its high protein content, T-Raptor works best as forage in a blend with additional species to create a balanced forage for grazing. In a stand that contains a high percentage of brassicas, it is recommended for livestock to be slightly full before being turned into that specific paddock.



Characteristics

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| Recovery after grazing | 5 |
| Cover Crop | 5 |
| Spring Planting | 5 |
| Late Summer Planting | 5 |
| Fall Planting | 4 |

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

Seeding Rate

2-3 lbs/acre – Precision Planting
4-5 lbs/acre – Drilled
6-7 lbs/acre – Broadcast

Seeding Depth

No deeper than 1/4"

