

Dwarf Essex Rape

Key Features

Dwarf Essex rape is an affordable way to add diversity with a brassica to your cover crop mix. Dwarf Essex works as a great soil builder and provides a different kind of root system to you blend. Rape is a cold tolerant plant that can also serve as forage into the fall with highly palatable and digestible leaves.

Uses

Cover Crop
Forage

Planting Time

Spring-Fall

Establishment

Dwarf Essex rape can be broadcast or drilled from early spring to late summer depending on its use.

Management Keys

While most commonly used as a cover crop, there is an option to graze Dwarf Essex rape. It works best 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

Recovery after grazing	2
Cover Crop	3
Spring Planting	4
Late Summer Planting	5
Fall Planting	3

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"

