

INTERVAL FORAGE RAPE



450mm+



5.5-8.0



Most Soil Types

KEY FEATURES

- Tall, fast establishing rape
- Excellent for both summer and winter feed
- Offers valuable feed opportunities for farmers wanting to finish stock
- Can be used as a summer crop where 1 to 2 grazings are required or as a late spring early summer sown crop
- Strong frost tolerance and resistance to powdery mildew

DESCRIPTION

Interval rape is a rape-kale cross and is extremely vigorous, fast establishing and is coated with Poncho®Plus giving up to 4 weeks protection against insect attack. Interval can be sown from spring through to early autumn to provide a bulk of high quality feed in approx 56-84 days. Late spring sowings can be grazed in summer/early autumn then let to re-grow for winter feed. Grazing can start as early as 8 weeks after sowing depending on the start to the season. Interval rape has shown a very good leaf to stem ratio compared to other varieties on the market. Crops of Interval rape have measured 19% CP (crude protein) and 13.4% MJ/MEkgDM (energy). Excellent regrowth after grazing can be obtained through good management practices ie. back fencing with an electric fence. Early indications are that you can expect up to 4 ton of dry matter at the first grazing and with re-growth you can expect to gain an extra 2 ton of dry matter for the season. The added advantage is that you can let Interval grow into the winter months if that suits your rotation, and by adding some Hulk Italian ryegrass as an over sow you can take the paddock through for a silage or hay crop as well as obtaining good grazing along the way.

SOWING

- Ideally drill the seed into a firm and moist seed bed at 1-2cm depth
- Recommended sowing rates of 4-5kg/ha
- Apply sufficient starter fertiliser, such as DAP/MAP at 100 kg/ha.

VARIETY MANAGEMENT & PERFORMANCE

- Monitor early for evidence of pests, such as slugs, RLEM, Lucerne Flea and Cutworm.
- Once at ground cover consider a topdressing application of Nitrogen, as Urea.
- Check for leaf chewing pests, such as Diamond Back Moth and treat as required.



Using Interval

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Summer Crop											
SOW											
				GRAZE							
					Winter Crop						
					SOW						
									GRAZE		
Maturity date: 56-84 days							Typical ME: 12 MJ/kg DM				
Typical yield: 5-8 t DM/ha							Sowing rate: 4 kg/ha				
(Maturity dates and yields depend on sowing time and number of grazings)											

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