



HIGH YIELDING MULTI-GRAZE RAPE

DESCRIPTION

A newer, fast establishing, high yielding, multi-graze giant-type forage rape with strong re-growth potential and good disease resistance.

WHERE IT FITS

Pillar is a modern New Zealand bred forage rape, developed for our farming conditions. It can be used as a flexible 2-34graze forage crop, sown in either spring or autumn to provide fast establishing summer or autumn/winter feed. Pillar is suitable for all livestock types and farming systems and is an ideal break crop as part of a re-grassing programme.

BENEFITS

- Leafy, giant-type multi-graze forage rape
- Very fast establishing
- Very high yield potential
- Very good re-growth potential
- Good disease resistance
- Can be sown in spring or autumn
- Suitable for sheep, cattle and deer

AGRONOMIC TRAITS

SOWING SEASON	MATURITY (days to graze)	NUMBER OF GRAZINGS
Spring or Autumn	80-110	2-4*
SOWING RATE (kg/ha)	APHID TOLERANCE	DISEASE RESISTANCE
3-4	Moderate-good	Good

** Subject to management and climatic conditions*



Cropmark **Pillar** Forage Rape



PERFORMANCE

Pillar has shown consistently high yields, with strong re-growth and good disease resistance in trials.

POOLED YIELD RESULTS - 6 FORAGE RAPE TRIALS, CANTERBURY 2011 - 2013

Cultivar	No. of trials	Yield t/ha DM	LSD
Pillar	6	8.96	a
Spitfire	6	8.78	ab
Goliath	5	8.49	abc
HT Rape	2	8.24	abc
Greenland	6	8.23	bc
Winfred	1	7.28	cd
Titan	4	7.05	c
Mean		8.15	
LSD		0.67 - 1.5	
Sig		***	

SOWING MANAGEMENT

Pillar should be sown at 3- 4 kg/ha when sown alone, or 1-2kg/ha in mixes to a depth of no more than 10mls. It can be sown from early spring as a summer feed crop, or in autumn as a winter feed and is generally ready to graze 12 – 16 weeks after sowing.

For optimum production, soil fertility status is critical. Fertiliser applications should be based on soil tests. Consult your local fertiliser representative.

MANAGEMENT AND USE

Pillar is an ideal-dual purpose summer or winter forage crop for use in high production farming systems with sheep, cattle or deer.

Being multi-graze, dependent on climate and grazing severity, Pillar can provide from 2 to 5 grazings.

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