

Key Features

- Summer, autumn and winter feed option
- Ready to graze in 10-12 weeks
- High quality feed
- Excellent regrowth potential – up to 4 bulk grazings
- Outstanding tolerance to dry conditions
- Deep tap root
- Can be autumn-sown for winter feed

WINFRED

FORAGE BRASSICA



Performance

Table 1. The value of Winfred forage brassica as summer feed in sporadic rainfall zones

Source: Chris Houghton Agricultural, NSW.

Measurement	Winfred brassica	Phalaris/sub pasture	Italian ryegrass
Total DM produced (kg DM/ha) at 16 weeks post sowing	4330	3059	3890
In-Crop rainfall (mm)	140	140	140
Water Usage Efficiency (kgDM/ha/mm)	31	22	28
Typical Energy Value (MJME/kgDM)	12.0	10.5	10.5
Energy per millimetre rainfall (MJME/ha/mm)	372	231	294
Calculated liveweight Gain per millimetre rainfall (kgLW/ha/mm) *	4.4	2.7	3.5
\$/ha/mm rainfall **	\$7.92	\$4.86	\$6.30

Assumptions:

* 30 kg lamb will require 17MJ ME/day to gain 200 grams of liveweight.

Source: Livestock Feeding on Pasture, New Zealand Society of Animal Production, Occasional Publication No. 10, 1987.

** Liveweight lamb price of \$1.80/kg.

Summary

- In a tough, dry season in 2007, a newly sown Winfred forage brassica crop produced more energy and dry matter for every millimetre of rain that fell during its in-crop time, compared to Phalaris/sub pasture.
- Winfred is highly efficient at using minimal in-crop rain.
- The use of Winfred to produce a bulk of feed on minimal moisture allows you to strategically fill gaps throughout the year.
- Winfred forage brassica provides easier weed control as part of the preparation for sowing perennial pasture in the autumn.

Winfred / Winfred Plus planning and grazing checklist

Paddock selection ...

- Use for pasture renovation, cereal break-crop
- Ensure livestock have access to a clean water supply
- Run-off paddock nearby
- Weed and fertility issues addressed

Preparation ...

- Fine, firm, moist seedbed
- 1-2cm planting depth achievable

Sowing ...

- Conventional or direct-drilling
- With or without herbs & clovers
- Seed treatment, fertiliser application
- Refer to your supplier for sowing rates appropriate for your conditions.

Sowing time ...

- 12 weeks before feed required
- Can be sown from early August onwards in appropriate environments

Grazing ...

- Crop has reached maturity (10-12 weeks)
- Slow stock introduction
- Diet supplemented with another feed sources (animal intake for brassicas should not be greater than 33% for dairy, 70% for beef cattle and lambs can consume up to 100%)
- Monitor animal health

Key Features

- High quality feed in 10-12 weeks
- Excellent regrowth ensures multiple grazings
- Can be sown as a high quality supplement to forage sorghum in summer
- Sow in early autumn for bulk quality feed into winter as an alternative to oats
- Suited to both dryland and irrigated soils
- Suitable for beef, sheep and dairy grazing

WINFRED FORAGE BRASSICA PLUS

... extending the
growing season

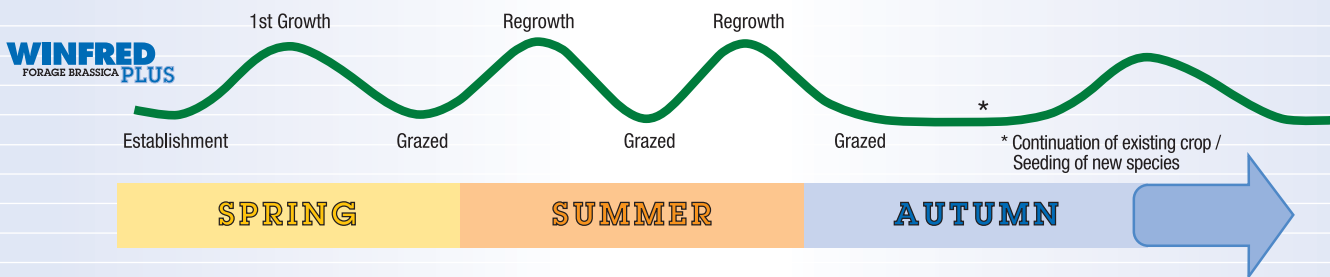
Brassicas provide bulk forage crop options for a range of farming systems. Herbs, **Tonic** plantain and chicory are being more widely used for their year-round production of high quality feed.

Combine brassicas and herbs together and the outcome is a system that has the potential for large volumes of quality feed. The residual crop gives a good foundation for oversowing of grasses for longer-term pastures.

Grazing herbs such as **Tonic** plantain and chicory are well suited to growing with brassica crops, not to mention pastures. They offer additional benefits to livestock when sown with single species brassica crops or conventional grass-based pastures.

Winfred Plus is a premium blend of **Winfred** forage brassica, **Grouse** chicory and **Tonic** plantain. The **Winfred Plus** mix provides high quality feed into the season when traditional pastures start to lose quality and quantity, and provides an extended growing season which is ideal for finishing stock.

Winfred Plus Grazing Guide



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