



SKYFALL

BOUNCE BACK BRASSICA



3 BIG BITES FROM ONE CROP!



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Skyfall (BBB) is a leafy brassica ideally suited for grazing. The large strap leaves are soft and are very easily eaten by dairy, beef or sheep livestock. The leaves have the appearance of a stubble turnip leaf, whilst the root is more like forage rape - deeper, elongated and better able to penetrate the soil. With this deeper rooting system, Skyfall can regrow quickly and will tolerate dry soil conditions.



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Sowing

Drill from mid-May onwards for the best results. Skyfall (BBB) can be sown into a fine, firm seedbed at 5 kilos per hectare. Seed is supplied in handy 2.5 kg 0.5 hectare units and comes treated with Start-up® seed treatment to aid establishment. A pH of between 6-7 is ideal and after sowing, a light roll to conserve moisture will benefit establishment.

Skyfall (BBB) can also be drilled after first cut silage. Spray off the grass with Glyphosate and lightly cultivate the soil once the grass is dead, then slot seed or drill the seed into the cultivated soil.

Fertiliser

SNS INDEX	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Nitrogen (N)	100	90	80	60	40	0-40	0
Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅)	85	55	25	0	0	0	0
Potash (K ₂ O)	110	80	50(-2)20(+2)	0	0	0	0

Data Source: DEFRA Fertiliser Manual (RB209)

Check your soil indices, and previous cropping but for guidance, please use the fertiliser recommendations above.

After the first graze and after each grazing, apply 30-35 kg of N per hectare, to encourage bounce back regrowth.

What Yield can I Expect?

Our demonstration trial plots, which were drilled on the 19th May 2020, produced the following fresh yields:

	1ST GRAZE	2ND GRAZE	3RD GRAZE	4TH GRAZE	TOTAL
Fresh Yield (tonnes/hectare)	33.58	19.25	12.50	13.85	79.18
Dry Matter Content (%)	10.2	15.2	12.6	11.8	12.4

This equates to 9.55 tonnes of dry matter per hectare, over the 4 grazing periods.



Skyfall yield and feed quality samples ready for analysis

Establishment

You can expect that plant establishment will take place in 5-10 days from sowing and should be ready for grazing within 5-7 weeks.

In 2020, our demonstration plots averaged 6 weeks from sowing to grazing.

Crop Utilisation

Skyfall (BBB) will produce a very leafy, highly palatable crop in a short period of time. The leafy forage should be grazed to a height of approx. 10 cm (below this height, the bounce back regrowth will take longer). Fencing should be used to ensure efficient use of the crop. Back-fencing will allow the grazed areas to begin to regrow quicker.

You can expect bounce back regrowth in approx. 4 – 6 weeks from your first grazing. An application of 30-35 kg N per hectare will encourage faster growth and recovery. We have seen that Skyfall (BBB) has the potential for up to 3 grazings from crops sown in end May/early June.

Timetable for Sowing and Grazing

APRIL/MAY	5-7 WEEKS	EARLY-MID JULY	4-6 WEEKS	MID-END AUGUST	4-6 WEEKS	SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
Sow	Growth	1st Graze	Bounce Back	2nd Graze	Bounce Back	3rd Graze

Skyfall (BBB) Rotation Suggestions

Skyfall works well in rotation with other forage crops. In between grass leys it will help break pest and disease cycles. It will also give an opportunity to use herbicides to kill any weed burden, prior to a grass reseed. Skyfall's deep roots will penetrate compacted soils, helping improve aeration and soil condition.

Rotation Suggestions

	LATE SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN	WINTER
Rotation 1	1st Cut Silage	Skyfall (BBB)	Grass Reseed	
Rotation 2	Skyfall (BBB)	Skyfall (BBB)	Forage Rye	Forage Rye
Rotation 3	Skyfall (BBB)	Skyfall (BBB)	Winter Cereal	Winter Cereal



You can find further information about Skyfall (BBB)
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