

# PURPLE TOP TURNIPS

BRASSICA

**Purple Top turnips** are an a short season brassica that is easy to grow, and is primarily planted for pasture, wildlife, and cover crops. They grow rapidly to a height of 2 to 3 feet and can grow about 3.5" in diameter. Since the entire plant, roots and tops, are eaten by livestock the grazing yield can be very high and makes for the perfect fall grazing for livestock or wildlife. Because of the turnips ability to produce high protein and energy, the deer are very attracted to them. Best managed with late summer planting, and allowing the plants to grow completely until growth ceases in fall, usually about the time of hard freeze, at which time it can be grazed off in one pass. **Purple top** turnips do not regrow after grazing since the entire plant is consumed.

## PLANTING TIPS

- ◆ Plant the seed around 1/4 to 1/2 inch deep
- ◆ Optimal planting time is from late July to Early September
- ◆ When planting as a pure stand, 5 lbs per acre is recommended
- ◆ Plant in well-drained soil for the best results

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## PURPLE TOP TURNIPS CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical Name	Brassica rapa
Typical Seeds / lb	200,000
Life Cycle	Biennial
Environment	Full Sun - Partial Sun
Planting Time	Fall, Spring
Leaf Color	Green
Seeding Rate	3-5 lbs / acre



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