

Utilization of Turnips for Year-Round Grazing

Turnips can be planted at different times of the year and with various companion crops. The purpose of this chart is to provide some options on how turnips may be used for different seasons, different animals, and different uses.

Turnips	Planting rate #/Ac	Benefits	When to plant
Appin Forage Grazing Turnip	3-5	Multiple top grazings, good bulb yield, multiple uses for Beef, Dairy, and Sheep	Summer, Fall
Pasja Hybrid Grazing Turnip	3-5	Multiple top grazings, multiple uses for Beef, Dairy, and Sheep	Spring, Summer
Purple Top Turnip	2-5	Some top grazing, good bulb yield, good for beef & sheep	Summer, Fall
Tankard Turnip	2-5	Some top grazing, excellent bulb yield	Summer, Fall
<u>Spring Planting Companion crops</u>			
Annual Ryegrass	30-40	Vigorous growth, excellent quality and palatability thru mid-Summer	Early March-thru April
Oats	3-4 bushels	Vigorous growth thru mid-Summer	Early March
<u>Summer Planting Companion crops</u>			
Annual Ryegrass	30-40		Mid-August after wheat is harvested
BMR Sorghum- Sudangrass	30	Excellent palatability and animal production, Pasja and Appin Turnips re-grow with sorghum- sudangrass	Sow when planting sorghum- sudangrass
Corn		Graze corn with Turnips or harvest corn and graze turnips and stover after harvest	Arial seed turnips into standing corn in late-August
<u>Late-Summer Planting Companion crops</u>			
Oats with Cereal Rye	1-Bu. Each with 4-5# Turnips	Oats provide fall growth with turnips while Cereal Rye provides spring growth	Arial seed turnips Aug 20-30 <u>into standing corn</u> or after corn silage is harvested
Annual Ryegrass	30-40# with 4-5# Turnips	Annual ryegrass provide excellent fall growth and spring growth is likely in many areas	Arial seed turnips Aug 20-30 <u>into standing corn</u> or after corn silage is harvested