VIVA

Hybrid Forage Brassica

The Crop

VIVA is a hybrid brassica selected for early grazing and fast re-graze potential. A leafy high energy forage that should be first grazed at 8 weeks after planting. Subsequent grazings should be at 3 to 4 week intervals. VIVA does not require ripening, the crop can be grazed when required, palatability is affected if left ungrazed. VIVA can be sown with complimentary species such as grains, ryegrass, legumes, broadleaves or other brassicas to increase production.

Seeding Rate

Avoid sowing seeds too deep and too far apart. Ideal depth for most forage seeds is 1/4 inches. Planting seeds deeper than ¼ inch may not allow them to establish. Sufficient seed to topsoil contact is extremely vital, rolling or packing the soil after seeding can ensure this. VIVA can be broadcast seeded followed by harrowing and packing.

- Direct Drilling: 3-5 lbs. /ac
- Broadcasting: 4-6 lbs. /ac
- Seeding with other species: ¼ - 2/3 lbs. /ac

Features

• Fast grazing, 8 weeks
• Fast recovery from grazing
• Greater leaf production
• Greater regrowth

Management

Graze no lower than 4" for multiple grazings. Overgrazing can damage the crown and should be avoided. To maximize regrowth potential, graze before the plant bolts.