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NEWSLETTER

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Sowing BRASSICAS, such as Kale, Rape and Summer turnip, this Spring is one way to improve the feed supply during the critical time from December to March.

The objective of all Brassica crops is to maximise yield. So Maximum ground cover, maintaining green leaf cover and avoiding premature leaf senescence is required.

For this you need good soil fertility, good weed control, good ground preparation and good insect management.

BRASSICAS should be grown in a fine, firm seedbed. Fertiliser should primarily be a phosphate/nitrogen combination with no sulphur included.

BRASSICA are poor foragers. Where fertiliser is placed in the seed row, yield will be better. Do not drill when conditions are too wet.

If sowing conditions are good, the seed rate is generally 3 to 4 kg/ha. Seed treatments, such as GAUCHO, give protection for up to six weeks.

The critical time for irrigation is two to three weeks through to the five to six true leaf stage. Soil should be kept moist at this time.

Follow up nitrogen application will usually be required, usually no later than six to eight weeks after drilling.

Omaka barley is very palatable to all classes of livestock either grazed, baled or from the pit.

Spring sown will pro-

OMAKA FORAGE BARLEY

Omaka barley yields of 10000-14000kg per ha in 85-95 days or up to 130kg DM per ha per day, a light grazing will be beneficial to assist tillering of the crop then taken for balage or silage.

Forage barley will grow well in most soils, provided it has reasonable fertility and the timing of sowing is suitable for your district and soil type.

Forage barley will establish easily by modern direct seeding systems provided the established procedures are followed.

Omaka Forage barley has very good disease resistance to most barley plant diseases but in some instances a fungicide spray will improve the results expected of your silage.

Omaka Barley can be cut for hay, balage or silage at the boot stage i.e. when the awes are just emerging from the sheaf, the crop at this stage will be high in protein and low in carbohydrates! From this cut **Omaka** Barley will grow again for a second cut, subject to ground moisture.

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Garden Centre

Early Spring gardening can be difficult with changeable cold snaps

Most garden plants will benefit from a light dressing of fine compost, general-purpose fertiliser or liquid fertiliser, as they begin to grow.

Tasks for September

- Prune & shape ornamental shrubs before vigorous spring growth
- Plant out new lawns as soon as the soil warms
- Sow seeds in seed trays
- Propagate cuttings in sharp sand and put in warm shady place
- Plant herb seeds and cuttings now, in time for the summer table
- Protect young seedling from late frosts, birds, slugs and snails

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CODLIN MOTH



Depending on the weather and the amount of warmth, it is drawing close to when the Codling moth and grass grub will start to emerge.

The codlin moth emerges after apples,

pears and walnuts fruit have set on the trees. They mate and lay up to 300 eggs on the foliage of the host trees.

Codlin moth pheromone traps lure the male moths to its sticky pad. The trap is not a perfect control but it is a fantastic monitor determining when the moths are active and then start spraying about 7 days later.

Neem Tree Oil prevents the hatched grubs from eating and growing, spraying only the small fruit does good coverage. Spray late in the day after the sun is off the tree and repeat every 7 - 10 days.

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