

## Brassicas – a cost effective summer feed source

- Cost-effective and high-quality summer feed source
- Beneficial tool in pasture renovations Brassicas offer a cost-effective, high-quality summer feed source at a time when both quality and quantity of pasture can be low. They also provide a benefit in With many farmers needing to rebuild fodder reserves this spring, it is critical to maximise and conserve as much surplus feed as possible. By leveraging a good season you can help to manage your current pastures to minimise wastage and maintain quality all while building supplies to help fill potential feed gaps experienced later on.

We recommend the following strategies:

- Soil test and apply the correct nutrients to optimise the spring growth.
- Develop a nutrient budget to ensure you're maximising the return on your investment.
- Grow and consume as much pasture as possible as it is the cheapest form of feed.
- Conserve high quality silage by ensuring ryegrass is still in leaf. Inspect pastures regularly aiming to harvest older varieties before improved varieties.
- Use Nitrogen and blends strategically, targeting better performing areas that will respond the best.
- Maintain the two main pasture management concepts of:
  - Grazing pastures once they are at the 2 to 2.5 leaf stage or canopy closure.
  - Ensure pasture residuals are left between 4-6cm in height.
- Ensure your rotation is adjusted to support the two main pasture management concepts.
- Recognise surplus pastures as those that exceed canopy closure and consider conserving these as fodder.



**Talk to your Brown's Fertilisers agronomist today to find out how you can get the most out of your spring season!**

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