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Barkant is a truly improved forage turnip variety. Bred for leaf production, it out yields most other turnip varieties available. A very vigorous diploid turnip variety with a purple tankard root, Barkant turnips have a high bulb yield, and good top growth. A high sugar content provides winter-hardiness and increased palatability. With good tolerance to bolting and under a correct grazing management system, Barkant turnips can provide multiple harvests.

Forage brassicas are useful for extending the grazing season when other forages are less productive. Brassicas can provide higher crude protein and digestibility at half the cost of hay or conserved forages. Brassicas have extremely high yield potential when grown on high fertility soils and properly managed. Brassicas can produce as much as 40 tons (wet) per acre. Cold, drought and heat tolerant, these crops commonly provide valuable feed when other crops are less productive.

- ▶ Vigorous white turnip
- ▶ Good leaf & root yield
- ▶ Ideal for grazing
- ▶ High energy feed
- ▶ Early maturing and high yielding
- ▶ High sugar and dry matter content
- ▶ Multiple harvest potential

### **ADAPTATION - CLIMATE**

Widely adapted throughout the United States. Can be planted in spring or late-summer.

### **ADAPTATION - SOIL**

Barkant requires good soil drainage and a pH between 5.3 and 7.5. Seed should be planted in a firm, moist, seedbed.

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### USES

Barkant is a leafy, nutritious annual brassica that is very palatable to all classes of livestock. Barkant is an excellent multiple-graze forage with high yield that provides excellent feed value.

### ESTABLISHMENT

Barkant requires good soil drainage and a pH between 5.3 and 7.5. Seed should be planted in a firm, moist, seedbed. Barkant can be broadcasted or drilled with 6 to 8 inch rows at 2-3 pounds per acre. It is very important not to plant the seed too deep; one eighth of an inch will work best. Brassicas should be planted no longer than 2 consecutive years to prevent disease and pest problems.

### SEEDING RATE

Seeding rate: 3-5 lbs. per acre

### MANAGEMENT

Within the brassica family, turnips are the quickest specie to establish. Barkant has the potential of being grazed multiple times. The first grazing however, will be the most important one. Both sheep and cattle can graze turnips. It is important not to graze too large of an area at once. Strip-grazing prevents both yield and quality losses due to trampling and polluting. It is also important not to overfeed the cattle when they are allowed to graze the turnips at first. Extreme high dry matter intake of turnips (and other brassicas) can cause health problems. Therefore, cattle should be allowed to adjust to the change of diet. Supplementing with other forages with less protein and sugars will also prevent problems.

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