

 DISEASE TOLERANCE

 DROUGHT TOLERANCE

 GENETIC SUPERIORITY

 RAPID ESTABLISHMENT

 HIGH YIELD

 FAST RECOVERY



Purple Top Turnips

Enhancing Soil Health & Farm Product

Why Choose Purple Top Turnips?

Purple Top Turnips are a versatile and valuable cover crop option for farmers and gardeners. Known for their rapid growth and adaptability, these turnips offer multiple soil and crop management benefits when integrated into a cover cropping system.

USES OF PURPLE TOP TURNIPS AS A COVER CROP

- **Soil Erosion Control:** Dense foliage protects soil from wind and water erosion.
- **Forage:** Provides nutritious grazing for livestock in fall and early spring.
- **Organic Matter Boost:** Rapid biomass production increases soil organic content.
- **Compaction Alleviation:** Deep taproots break through compacted layers, improving soil structure.
- **Nutrient Scavenging:** Captures residual nutrients, especially nitrogen, reducing leaching.
- **Weed Suppression:** Fast canopy growth shades out weeds.

KEY BENEFITS

- **Improved Soil Health:** Enhances soil structure, fertility, and microbial activity.
- **Cost-Effective:** Low input costs, easy to establish and terminate.
- **Flexible Integration:** Works well in rotations with grains, vegetables, and other cash crops.
- **Supports Sustainable Practices:** Reduces dependency on synthetic inputs and improves long-term productivity.

ESTABLISHMENT TIPS

- Incorporate or graze before flowering for best results.
- Can be mixed with other cover crops (e.g., radish, rye, clover) for added benefits.
- Monitor for pests and diseases, though generally low-maintenance.

Conclusion

Planting Purple Top Turnips offers benefits like providing nutritious, high-protein forage for deer and livestock, improving soil health by reducing compaction and scavenging nutrients with their deep roots, suppressing weeds with rapid growth, and yielding both edible greens and bulbs, making them a versatile, fast-growing cover crop or food plot staple.

Contact Us

For more information reach out to Turf Merchants, Inc. to discuss your cover crop needs and to incorporate these into your agronomic program.



Seeding Rates

Seeding Rate (Drilled) 2-3 pounds per 1,000 square feet

Seeding Rate (Broadcast) 6-8 pounds per acre

Ideal Planting Depth 3-5 pounds per acre

Best Planting Time Adjust rate to 2-4 pounds per acre, depending on mixture

Weed Suppression Fast canopy growth shades out weeds.



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