

# MOLES SEEDS

## Beetroot

Cultural Leaflet: ZZ523

A range of uses, including fresh sales, processing, roadside (farm shop), pick-your-own or as baby beets. Available in deep red, red and white or even golden yellow - with varieties suitable for early, maincrop or late production.

### Propagation and Growing-on

Sow direct mid March-July (approx 40-100 seeds per gram), or under glass in January-February to crop May onwards. Germinates between 8-25°C. When the seedlings are about 2.5cm high thin out to leave one seedling per 10cm station.

Sowing rate 5 kilos per hectare for early bunching crops, 10 kilos per hectare for the fresh market maincrop, 15 kilos per hectare for pickling and mini beet. Monogerm varieties have only one seed per fruit and therefore require less thinning; drill at 650,000 seeds per hectare.

Beetroot will grow in any well-drained soil but require fertile conditions. Early sowings benefit from protection with horticultural fleece or cloches.

### Pest and Disease

Beetroot don't usually suffer from too many pests and diseases but can occasionally be affected by the following:

- Bolting
- Birds
- Rust

*Information provided for guidance only, as cultural practices and climatic circumstances vary.*

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