

MOLES SEEDS

Kohl Rabi

Cultural Leaflet: ZZ564

A member of the brassica family, kohlrabi is a versatile and popular niche crop. It is suitable for both open ground and protected cropping.

It is more drought resistant than most brassicas and is a good alternative to swedes and turnips.

Kohlrabi can be harvested from May until December. Green varieties are usually sown from mid spring to mid-summer for summer crops, whilst the hardier purple varieties are sown from mid-summer for autumn and winter crops.

Suitable for fresh sales and pyo and can command a relatively high price premium.

Propagation and Growing-on

Sow direct from early February-mid July. Germinates at 10-30°C (200 seeds per gram, 250,000 seeds per hectare drilled). Spacing 10 x 40cm.

Kohlrabi can also be sown under glass and is also suitable for high density sowing for 'baby' production.

Net against birds and cabbage root fly - young seedlings are particularly vulnerable to these.

Pest and Disease

Kohlrabi can be affected by the following:

- Cabbage root fly
- Flea beetle
- Club root
- Birds

Unfavourable growing conditions which stress the plant may cause bolting, so maintain even growing conditions throughout. Look for resistant varieties.

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

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