

# MOLES SEEDS

## Turnip

Cultural Leaflet: ZZ630

Turnips are a very fast-maturing item for all season production. They can be grown either under glass or in open ground.

Marketed during summer as a mini-veg, or later on as full grown product. Good shelf life.

Turnips require cool, moisture retentive soils and should be kept well watered especially in dry weather to stop them running to seed.

### Propagation and Growing-on

Sow early crop from March-May; late crop July-August. Germinates between 10-30°C (360-600 seeds per gram, seed rate 2.5-4.5kg per hectare). Spacing 5-15cm x 30-90cm.

### Harvest

They can mature in as little as 35 days, depending on variety and size required, but usually 6-8 weeks so may also be used as a catch crop or intercropped.

Early turnips can be lifted from May to September when they are the size of a golf ball for eating raw or the size of a tennis ball for cooking. Maincrop turnips can be lifted from mid-October onwards when the size of a golf ball.

### Pest and Disease

Turnips can be affected by the following:

- Cabbage root fly
- Flea beetle
- Powdery mildew
- Club root

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

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