

MOLES SEEDS

Swede

Cultural Leaflet: ZZ655

Swedes are extremely hardy and grow well in cool, moist climates. It is the perfect winter vegetable and a good source of winter revenue.

Good storage qualities and improved breeding has made swede more grower friendly for sale fresh and as a processed product.

With careful variety selection, harvesting between September and April is possible.

Propagation and Growing-on

Sow direct from May-mid June. Germinates between 12°C and 30°C (280-480 seeds per gram, seed rate 0.75-3.5kg per hectare).

They are a long term crop, sometimes taking up to six months to mature. Keep the soil moist at all times as dryness at the roots can lead to a bitter taste. Swedes are happier in a heavier soil.

Thin out the seedlings when large enough to handle, leaving plants about 20-25cm apart.

Routine Care

In colder areas, cover with straw before the onset of cold weather.

Pest and Disease

Swedes can be affected by the following:

- Cabbage root fly (resistant varieties available)
- Club root (resistant varieties available)
- Powdery mildew

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

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