

THE FLEXIBLE SUMMER TURNIP

DESCRIPTION

The fastest maturing summer turnip available in Australia, Marco is a tetraploid, tankard type, having an interval from sowing to grazing of just 55-65 days. Marco has a high root to leaf ratio, with large bulb size and good bulb storage ability. It has high grazing preference, is highly palatable, has excellent bolting resistance and high club root resistance.

SUITABILITY AND USE

Marco can be used as a high yielding summer turnip crop in all parts of Australia, and with all livestock types. Its very short interval to grazing means less time out of pasture and sowing date flexibility. Two crops of Marco in one season are possible. Marco can also be late sown such as after previous crop failure.

BENEFITS

- The fastest maturing turnip available (only 55-65 days from sowing to grazing)
- Less time out of production
- Sowing date flexibility can be used for late sowing, or where crop failure occurs
- Two Marco crops in one season are possible
- Large bulbs, with high bulb to leaf ratio
- Bulb retains its quality for as long as 90 days after sowing
- Good resistance to bolting and club root
- Available in 25kg and 3kg packs

AGRONOMIC TRAITS			
	SOWING DEPTH (mm)	BOLTING RESISTANCE *	GROWTH PEAK
	10	9	Summer
(4	MATURITY days to grazing)	PLOIDY	SOWING RATE (kg/ha)
	55-65	Tetraploid	3
		* 1 = Low 9 = High	

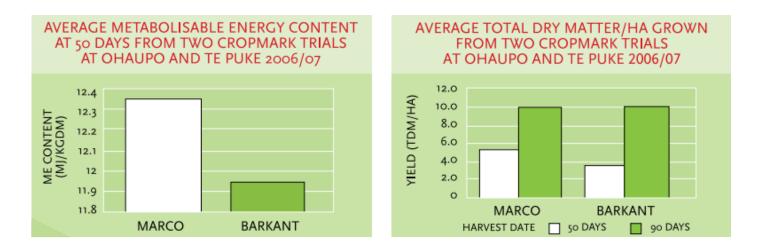






PERFORMANCE

Marco is fast establishing, high yielding, can be utilised earlier, has good bulb storage ability and high metabolisable energy content. Marco can be grazed as early as 50 days after sowing, but will store well in the paddock for up to 90 days after sowing.



SOWING

Dependent on use required, Marco can be sown in October, November for summer feed; or January, February as an autumn, early winter feed source. Sow Marco to a depth of 10mm, at a rate of 2-3 kg per hectare, into a well prepared, fine, firm and weed-free seedbed.

MANAGEMENT AND USE

Marco should be used as a single graze crop. Break-fencing is recommended for optimum feed utilization. Marco is suited to high performance sheep, cattle and deer farming systems as a summer or autumn feed. Due to its very early maturity Marco can be used where crop failure occurs, and two crops in one season are possible.



