

# ? DO YOU REQUIRE VERY HIGH QUALITY WINTER FEED?

*Coleor kale has a very high leaf to stem ratio and has high digestibility and ME*



## WHY USE COLEOR:

- ▶ Very high leaf to stem ratio
- ▶ High leaf dry matter content
- ▶ Is high in digestibility and ME
- ▶ Very high yielding
- ▶ For high performance livestock systems
- ▶ It has very good winter hardiness
- ▶ Suitable for sheep, beef and dairy cattle



### AGRONOMIC TRAITS

SOWING RATE (KGS/HA)		LEAF : STEM RATIO	
4-5		HIGH	
FEED QUALITY	GROWTH PEAK	SMCO LEVEL	
VERY HIGH	WINTER	LOW	

### CHARLES WHITEHEAD – DAIRY FARMER - METHVEN

Charles Whitehead milks 980 cows on 320ha under the Mt Hutt foothills in Mid Canterbury. He has been growing Coleor kale for the last 7 years as a winter feed crop for his cows.

“Winter goes for longer here compared to down on the plains and we need a kale that can grow in the cold, can withstand heavy snow falls and is of high quality.”

“We have found Coleor to be the variety that can do all of these things and it certainly yields very well. It has done 20 tonne plus, in the local winter feed competition for 2 years.”

Winter snowfall is always a risk on Charles’s property and he has found that Coleor stands up to the snow the best. Others he has used have turned to mush very quickly. “One winter we had snow sitting on the crop for 6 weeks and after it thawed the Coleor was still in good quality and continued to grow.”

Coleor doesn’t stop growing in the winter and its leafiness ensures a high quality feed is going into the cows. Charles has noted that the cows prefer Coleor. They preferentially graze it over other varieties he has planted.