

# The king of forages

## BENEFITS

- ▶ Good seedling vigour
- Very good disease resistance
- Very good bolting tolerance
- Strong foliar growth producing large tops make Lactimo suitable for grazing in situ
- Suitable for sheep, cattle and deer
- Available in handy 0.5 hectare boxes



#### **DESCRIPTION**

Lactimo is a very high yielding monogerm fodder beet which has a yellow – orange tankard shaped bulb that sits 45-50% above the ground. It has good seedling vigour and strong foliar growth producing very big tops with very good disease and bolting resistance. The crop can be grazed in-situ, or be lifted and fed whole or chopped.

# SUITABILITY / USE:

Lactimo is a very high yielding fodder beet which is suitable as a winter feed for all livestock types and farming systems, including irrigated and dryland systems. It can be used as a first or second crop, is tolerant of brassica diseases, and makes an ideal break crop as part of a re-grassing programme.

AGRONOMIC TRAITS					
SOWING SEASON	MATURITY (da	MATURITY (days to grazing)		BULB % ABOVE GROUND	
SPRING	200	200+		45 - 50%	
SOWING RATE (seeds/ha)	DRY MATTER (%)	BOLTING TO	LERANCE	DISEASE RESISTANCE	
80,000 – 100,000	14 – 16%	VERY GOOD		VERY GOOD	

### **PERFORMANCE**

Fodder beet is one of the highest yielding winter cropping options available. However, they require good crop husbandry and high inputs to achieve highest yields.

POOLED YIELD RESULTS OF 2 FODDER BEET TRIALS - CANTERBURY, 2011-13				
Variety	Dry Matter Yields (kgDM/ha)*	LSD		
Lactimo	27,720	a		
Kyros	25,982	а		
Brigadier	25,350	а		
Mean	26,351			
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blksig	NS			
CV%	17.1			
LSD	4,843.3			

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 4 fresh weight cuts and 1 average DM measurement from each trial

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