



Cover Crops

Our Roots Run Deep

KALE BAYOU

Bayou Kale is a mid-maturing forage brassica with good winter hardiness, a smooth leaf, and a nutty flavor that is sweet to human taste. This kale variety has a smaller stem but grows to a height of eight feet when taken for seed production. Bayou has excellent regrowth when rotationally grazed, and the stems are more palatable than forage rapes for cattle and sheep. Used in food plots for deer as well as upland game birds, animals will eat the Bayou first when planted beside Dwarf Essex.

When planted in late summer or early fall, it is considerably more winter hardy than radishes and helps control erosion.

The spring green-up of Bayou is similar to forage rapes, while its seed size and crop management are similar to other brassicas, like turnips. Seed should be planted at 7 lbs/ac when planted as a single species and 2-3 lbs/ac when mixed with other crops. Planting for Bayou should occur between July – August for the Midwest and between September – October for the South.

BENEFIT RATINGS	EROSION CONTROL	    
	FORAGE QUALITY	    
	NITROGEN SOURCE	    
	NUTRIENT SCAVENGING	    
	QUICK GROWTH	    
	SOIL BUILDING	    
	WEED SUPPRESSION	    
	WINTER HARDINESS	    
PLANTING INFO	SEEDING RATE LBS/A	DRILLED: 5 – 6 BROADCAST: 6 – 8 AERIAL: 8 – 10
	SEEDING DEPTH	0.25 – 0.5"
	MIN. GERM. TEMP	43 F
	INTERSEED	YES
	SEEDS/LB	175,000