

## Forage brassicas

### Maris Kestrel

#### Kale

Maris Kestrel is established as the leading kale variety in Ireland and is suitable for all classes of stock. It is renowned for its high digestibility and long utilisation period (July to April). Maris Kestrel has been used in Teagasc Moorepark and also in the SAC out-wintering demonstrations. It's success is due to the fact that livestock can utilise the whole plant.

#### Main uses

- Ideal for out-wintering
- Good late summer/early autumn feed for cattle or sheep
- Solution to late season grazing deficits

#### Key benefits

- Outstanding leaf-to-stem ratio
- High whole plant D-value
- Vigorous early growth
- Resistant to lodging
- Good winter hardiness
- Long utilisation period

<b>Sowing time:</b>	May to June
<b>Seed rate:</b>	2.5 - 3.0 kg/acre (increase to 3.5 kg/acre if broadcasting)
<b>Yield:</b>	10 - 12 t DM/ha
<b>Utilisation period:</b>	November to February

