



JAPANESE RADISH: **NOOITGEDACHT**

PRODUCTION POTENTIAL:

- Dry matter production: 3 – 10 t/ha/annum

TYPE :

- Broadleaf

PRODUCTION PERIOD :

- Annual, Plant middle summer for autumn / winter growth

STRENGTHS :

- Provides good fodder during winter
- Roots and leaves can be fed

FEEDING VALUE :

- Crude protein, leaves: 13 – 20 %
- Crude protein tuber: 7 %

USES :

- Grazing

SOIL REQUIREMENTS :

- Performs best on well drained, clay soil types, which retain moisture
- pH range of 5.5 – 6.5

ESTABLISHMENT :

- Plant during December – March
- Seeding rate of 3 – 5 kg/ha for bulb/tuber production and 5 – 12.5 kg/ha for grazing

MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION :

- Huge bulb/tuber; 3 – 8 kg
- Leaf blade is large, flat and hairy; 30 – 50 cm x 20 – 40cm
- Tiny, round shaped seed; 30 000 – 50 000 seeds/kg

Raphanus sativus