

Caledonian kale



High yielding marrow-stem kale with clubroot resistance. Suitable as gamecover crop and for feeding to cattle and sheep.

Breeder: SCRI

This variety was added to the UK National List in 1996 and is protected by Plant Breeders' Rights.

Agent: Limagrain UK Limited (LG).

Breeding:

- From 16 marrow-stem cultivars of diverse geographical origin.
- Five generations of selection for clubroot resistance.
- Mass multiplication to produce an open-pollinated cultivar.

Description:

- Medium to tall marrow-stem kale.
- Low dry-matter content.
- Enough hardiness to survive normal winter.

Gamecover crop:

- September to March from May/June sowing.
- Height and canopy structure give easy access to beaters.
- Clubroot resistance allows prime cover areas to be used for more than one season.

Dairy and beef cattle:

- High yields of fresh food throughout autumn and winter from May/June sowing.
- Strip graze behind electric fence or zero graze by cutting with forage harvester.

Other uses:

- Late summer feed for lambs and dairy cattle from early sowing.
- Autumn and winter finishing of lambs from late sowing.
- Can be ensiled to produce kaleage.