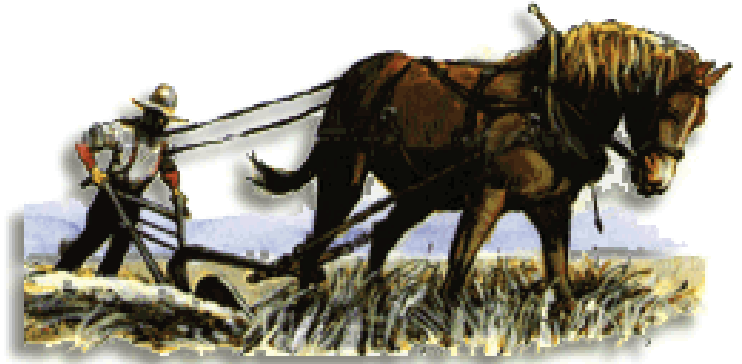


SODBUSTER BRAND™

SODBUSTER BRAND radish is a new cover crop forage radish from Desert Sun Marketing Company. It was developed in New Zealand and is the culmination of many years of selection for traits of a large fleshy taproot, high glucosinolate levels and one that winter kills easily for fast decomposition.*



Our new **SODBUSTER BRAND** radish's large taproots are superior to the standard oil seed radish's short stubby branched roots. **SODBUSTER**'s taproot can penetrate as much as 6 feet deep. The fleshy upper part can "bust" a hole from 10- 20 inches long and 2-3 inches wide! This deep taproot both plows and breaks the hardpan alleviating soil compaction, while also scavenging deep for plant nutrients.

Independent and university trials confirm that:

- The root decomposes rapidly during the winter, allowing for water penetration into the open holes, and releasing the scavenged nitrogen and other nutrients in the topsoil for the next crop.
- It establishes quickly producing a thick canopy that helps to suppress weeds.
- The high level of Glucosinolate makes this radish an excellent natural bio fumigant, greatly reducing nematode populations for the next crop.
- Fall nitrogen consumption by the plant, reduces nitrogen leaching which helps protect the waterways.
- Significant yield increases are to be had by subsequent grain and soybean crops following forage radishes.
- Cover crops like forage radish control erosion and reduce runoff, saving soil and conserve rainwater.

SODBUSTER should be planted from July – September at 8 lbs to 10 lbs per acre. Seed should be planted about ¼ inch deep, preferably using a drill and lightly rolled to ensure good seed to soil contact.

* **SODBUSTER** needs 3-4 consecutive nights of temperature in the midteens to winterkill. Some production areas in the deep south might need to use an herbicide to terminate the crop.

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