

## Dwarf Essex Rape

Brassica species are a popular option for cover crops. They are known for improving soil health, increasing water holding capacity and relieving compaction. Brassica species are also popular for livestock producers to use for fall or winter grazing.

Rapeseed offers less of a bulb and more of a tap root than radishes or turnips. University trials have shown that rapeseed can have a nematode suppression effect. Rapeseed also helps to offer weed suppression.

Dwarf Essex Rape occasionally overwinters in the Midwest. It is rare to have significant amounts of rapeseed overwinter; however, it can happen in mild winters with snow cover.



**Seeding Method:** Drill or broadcast

**Seeding Rate:** 1-3#/acre in a mix

**Seeding Depth:** 1/4"

**Seeding Dates:** 7/15 - 9/10

**Notes:** Very small seed!