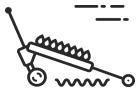
# GROWER'S NOTES

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# **Storage Radishes**

## **CROP & PAPERPOT DATA:**

PAPER CHAIN POT	6"
ROWS PER 100' X 30" BED	4
TRAYS PER 100' X 30" BED	3
KWIK KLIK™ TOP PLATE	Plate: Paperpot (264 holes) / Thickness: 3mm / Hole Diameter: 3mm
SEEDS PER CELL	1
SEED PER 100' X 30' BED	760 seeds (+/-) *Always round up when placing seed orders to ensure having enough
RECOMMENDED CULTIVARS	KN-Bravo, Red Meat, Nero Tondo, Green Luobo, Alpine, Red King 2
GERMINATION	36 hours at 77°F
DAYS TO TRANSPLANT	15 days (+/-) *time from seeding to transplanting in the field
DAYS TO MATURITY	50 days (+/-) *time from seeding to being ready for harvest
HARVEST WINDOW	21 days (+/-) *time crop is at ideal stage for harvest after reaching maturity
TOTAL DAYS IN FIELD	56 days (+/-) *DTM + harvest window - days to transplant
HARVEST UNIT	Bunch (3-4 per, 2.5-3.5" diameter bulbs)
TARGET CROP YIELD	217 bunches (+/-)
PRICE PER UNIT	\$3 *depending on local market pricing
REVENUE PER BED	\$650 *depending on local market pricing

## SUGGESTED TOOLS:

SEEDING	Kwik Klik™ Drop Seeder, Paperpot Germination Trays, Paper Chain Pots
TRANSPLANTING	Paperpot Transplanter
TILTHING	Power Harrow or Precision Depth Roller (With no tractor: Tither)
AERATION	Meadow Creature Broadfork
SHAPING	Bed Preparation Rake
WEED CONTROL	Flame Weeder
CULTIVATION	Wheel Hoe w/Bio-Disc Cultivator, or Flex Tine Weeder

### **BED PREPARATION**

- O Broadfork the bed to aerate and loosen the soil.
- Smooth and shape the bed with a bed preparation rake, removing any debris.
- If the previous crop was fertilized, storage radishes will do fine without reapplication. If not, here are two options:
  - $\bigcirc$  1) Layer on 1" of compost, enough to mostly cover the native soil.
  - $\odot$  2) Sprinkle on a combination of alfalfa meal and pelleted chicken manure.
- If layering compost, do not tilth in hopes of smothering any surface weed seed.
- $\bigcirc$  If adding amendments, tilth the top 1-2" of soil to mix in amendments.
- Irrigate for 10-14 days\*, allowing any weed seed in top layer of soil to germinate.
- Flame weed the bed when the cotyledons of the weed seeds have emerged.

#### SEEDING

- Prepare trays with 6" paper chain pots, and fill with potting mix.
- Install Paperpot bottom plate and specified top plate into Kwik Klik™ (KK) Drop Seeder.
- O Pour seed onto top plate and rotate until one seed fills each hole.
- O Position the KK Drop Seeder over the tray, ensuring the holes are lined up with the cells, and click to drop the seeds.
- Water the trays, then place in germination chamber for 36 hours at 77°.
- Transfer the trays to greenhouse tables after germination.

#### TRANSPLANTING

- Thoroughly water trays before heading to the field for transplanting.
- Using the Paperpot Transplanter, plant the four rows of storage radishes.
- Four rows on a 30" bed: 7.5" between rows, 3.75" from the outer rows to the edge of the bed.
- Reference <u>https://paperpot.co/learn/</u> for instructional videos if needed.

#### IRRIGATION

- Water the beds thoroughly with overhead irrigation, or four rows of drip.
- Frequent shallow waterings will support rapid growth.

#### CULTIVATION

- O 10-14 days after transplanting, cultivate using a Terrateck Wheel Hoe with the bio-disc cultivator attachment.
- A weekly pass with the flex tine weeder is also an effective tool for preventing weeds.

#### HARVEST

- Storage radishes are ready for harvest when the bulbs are 2.5 to 3.5".
- Harvest in the kneeling position, bunching 3-4 radishes together.
- Remove yellows leaves and discard any misshapen/damaged radishes in the field while bunching.

### WASHING AND PACKING

- O Using a Washdown Gun sprayer over a root wash table, spray each bunch while rotating until all soil is thoroughly cleaned off.
- $\bigcirc$  Transfer the washed bunches to totes, and store at 35° until taken to market.