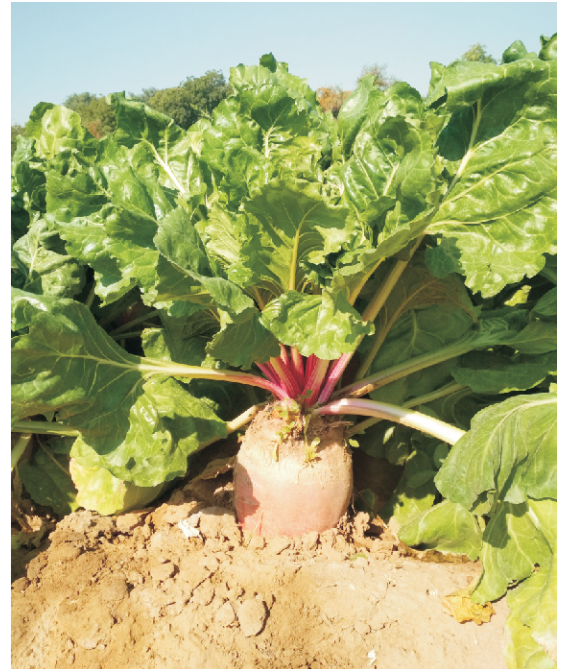


A nutritious high yielding farm fresh fodder crop

- ▶ Yield potential of $> 200 \text{ t ha}^{-1}$ thus requiring less land and water
- ▶ Energy rich fodder available during scarcity (mid January-April)
- ▶ Improves milk yield of cattle
- ▶ Very economical - one kg fodder costs only ₹0.50
- ▶ Can be grown successfully in salt affected soils and water
- ▶ Crop is sown between mid October-mid November on ridges
- ▶ Recommended doses of FYM and fertilizers should be applied
- ▶ When leaves show slight wilting irrigation should be applied
- ▶ Thinning, weeding and earthing must be carried out between 20-30 days after sowing.
- ▶ When beet attains one kg weight start feeding it fresh to animals daily
- ▶ No major pest and disease reported so far



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