



Meet the Grower: Scott Watson

Scott Watson manages one of the biggest areas dedicated to growing radishes in the UK at Feltwell in West Norfolk. Radish growing started at Feltwell in the 1980's when growers in the region were looking for crops which suited the rich black fen soil which is naturally very fertile. Radishes are an ideal crop for this location as the fenland peats retain their moisture, which reduces the need for irrigation and helps preserve the local area's water supply as well as reducing costs.



One of the reasons Scott enjoys growing radishes is that they're an early British summer crop, which for him means he gets to see the results of his hard labour throughout the winter earlier than growers of other vegetables. He starts to see the green leaves appear in late March and takes joy in watching the plants mature to produce radishes in April ready for picking.



Scott loves the radish's spicy, peppery flavour, and the variety you get from each individual red radish. He likes his at breakfast with bread, butter and some salt and would encourage you to try it as an alternative to your normal sweeter breakfast - it certainly kick starts his day!