

America is the superior, drought resistant, shade tolerant dense Kentucky bluegrass that sets the standard for performance. The superior performance is shown in that many a new cultivar have been developed to try and emulate it, but it continues to be top rated in the newest NTEP.

DESCRIPTION:

America shows such an outstanding combination of important characteristics that it is an important component of high quality bluegrass blends for all uses. High seedling vigor, early spring green-up, high sod strength and high density all make America stand above the crowd. America is a lower growing elite variety that has been successfully used as a fine turfgrass for many years. It is dark green, dense and fine textured. In the 1986 – 1990 NTEP, America was the top ranked variety for both shade tolerance and sod strength. In the 1996 – 2000 NTEP, America continued to be one of the top rated varieties. America continues today to demonstrate its high quality turf in the latest NTEP.

DISEASE RESISTANCE:

The overall disease resistance of America is unsurpassed by any other variety. It has demonstrated excellent resistance to melting out, leaf spot, stripe smut, summer patch, dollar spot, red thread, powdery mildew and most types of rust. America also has excellent summer performance and tolerates fairway type cutting heights.

USAGE:

America can be used in blends with other varieties of Kentucky bluegrass or in mixtures with fine fescues, perennial ryegrass or tall fescue. It is recommended for sod production, sports fields, playgrounds, parks and for home and industrial lawns. It can be successfully used on golf courses both as a rough grass and for permanent bluegrass fairways. It can tolerate cutting heights down to ½ inch.

SEEDING:

The recommended seeding times for America are from late summer to early fall (best) and from early to mid spring (good). In cold areas dormant seeding also works well as long as care is taken to delay fall seeding well into the freezing season when seed will not prematurely germinate. A seeding rate of 2 – 4 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended. Incorporation of a pre-plant fertilizer is recommended based on a soil test. As a general rule, soil incorporation of 1 – 1-1/2 lbs. actual NPK per 1000 sq. ft. will quicken establishment.



MAINTENANCE:

America responds well to fertilization. Applying about ½ - ¾ lb. of actual N per 1000 sq. ft. per month of growing season helps to maintain a healthy vigorous turf. During the hot summer months, fertilizer applications may be reduced or eliminated. America is a slower growing grass, and requires less mowing than most other varieties. It can be cut as low as ½ inch, but a cutting height of 1 – 2 inches is ideal. Irrigation is recommended during the hot dry summer months to maintain active growth. Fall fertilization is best. Application of a complete fertilizer in the fall is recommended.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	1984
Main Uses	Sod, golf, lawns, sports turf, parks
Seed Count	1,365,000 seeds per lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	10 - 14
Normal Days to First Mowing	35 – 40
NTEP Quality Ratings (1996 – 2000 Data)	Excellent
Genetic Color	Dark green
Summer Stress Tolerance	Excellent
Leaf Texture	Fine
Turf Density	Very Dense
Shade Tolerance	Excellent
Sod Strength	Excellent – 73 lbs.
pH Range	5.0 – 7.8
Winterhardiness	Excellent
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent
Spring Green-Up	Early
Water Requirements	Low
Leaf Spot Resistance	Very good
Summer patch resistance	Excellent
Brown Patch Resistance	Excellent
Dollar Spot Resistance	Excellent
Drought Tolerance	Excellent
Gray Leaf Spot Resistance	Excellent