

Bravo Tall Fescue

FEATURES:

EXCELLENT DARK GREEN COLOUR, PERSISTENT UNDER HEAT STRESS, FINE TEXTURE - VERY DENSE, DROUGHT AND SHADE TOLERANCE, GOOD BROWN PATCH TOLERANCE, HIGH ENDOPHYTE LEVEL

ORIGIN:

Bravo Tall Fescue is an advanced generation synthetic cultivar selected in co-operation with the University of Georgia in Griffin, Georgia, under close in-turf competition. Bravo was subjected to multiple cycles of selection under the extremes of heat, humidity, soil acidity, low fertility, and important prevalent turf diseases.

AGRONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS:

Bravo is an improved Turf Type Tall Fescue with an attractive dark green colour. Bravo produces a persistent turf with very good turf and colour ratings. Bravo contains a high (90%+) level of endophyte to provide resistance to above ground feeding insects. Bravo exhibits superior seedling vigour and improved tolerance to heat and drought conditions. Bravo has performed well on a broad range of soil types from very acid to moderately alkaline and a broad range of N-P-K levels from moderately low to normal.

DISEASE AND ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCE:

Bravo has exhibited superior performance in the cool to warm, humid regions of Australia where Tall Fescue is the species of choice. Bravo has exhibited superior resistance to important prevalent turf diseases including grey leaf spot (*Pyricularia grisea*), brown patch (*Rhizoctonia* spp.), and leaf scald (*Rhynchosporium* spp.)

GEOGRAPHICAL ADAPTATION:

Bravo is broadly adapted as a premium turfgrass in the cool and warm humid regions of Australia.

SUGGESTED USAGE:

Sports fields, golf course roughs, home lawns, parks, and commercial turf where a medium textured, wear tolerant turf is desired. Bravo is an excellent companion with bluegrass in a mixture due to its slower growth rate and slower growth habit.

RECOMMENDED SEEDING RATES:

New Establishment 4-5 kgs per 100m². Slicer / Seeder Renovation:
20 - 50% existing cover 3-4 kgs per 100m²
50 - 75% existing cover 2-3 kgs per 100m².

RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE PRACTICES:

Bravo responds well to moderate levels of nitrogen fertilizer. A mowing height of 50mm to 75mm is recommended for optimum performance. Maximum competition with *Poa annua* is achieved with autumn establishment and mowing heights above 50mm.

TURF ESTABLISHMENT GUIDELINES:

Adequate seed bed preparation is important in new turfgrass establishment as well as in overseeding existing turf areas. Adjust soil pH and apply Starter Fertilizer prior to seeding.

Seed at recommended rate. Cool season grasses germinate best in the 15-20 degrees soil temperature range. Frequent, light irrigation is required for optimum germination

Under optimum soil temperatures and moisture conditions, germination should be complete in 3 to 4 weeks. New seedlings require 8 to 12 months to exhibit mature growth characteristics.



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