



Kentucky Bluegrass

Introduction

Cabernet Kentucky bluegrass is an elite type that stands out for its dark green color and aggressive growth habit. It will persist on low cut fairways, home lawns, and athletic fields.

Cabernet is a deep rooted, very heat and drought tolerant variety with strong vigorous rhizomes, making it excellent for sod production. Cabernet is the variety that really shines in turf trials during the heat of summer.

Characteristics

- Category 1, elite Mid- Atlantic type
- Very deep rooted with strong vigorous rhizomes resulting in excellent heat and drought tolerance
- Superior traffic tolerance, even at low height of cut fairways or sports turf
- Fine leaf texture
- Aggressive growth habit and establishment
- Top ranked for resistance to summer patch and necrotic ring spot
- Ranked #1 in Illinois and # 3 in Indiana in 2002 NTEP trials
- Highly ranked for shear strength, excellent for sod production
- Dark green genetic color
- Top rated spring green up and summer density
- Good overall disease resistance
- Excellent stripe smut resistance

Mean Turfgrass Quality Ratings of Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars

Grown at 5 Locations in the U.S. Schedule A/2003 NTEP Data	
Name	Mean
Nu Destiny	6.3
Midnight II	6.2
Impact	6.1
Bedazzled	6.0
Bluestone	5.9
Bordeaux	5.7
Sonoma	5.4
Champagne	5.4
Wildwood	5.4
Cabernet	5.2
Boutique	5.1
Blacksburg II	4.9
Baron	4.7
Kenblue	4.1
LSD at 5%	0.4

Grown under Traffic Stress at North Brunswick/2003 NTEP Data	
Name	Mean
Princeton 105	6.5
Cabernet	6.3
Awesome	6.2
Midnight II	6.1
Total Eclipse	6.0
Impact	5.9
Jefferson	5.5
Arcadia	5.2
Moonlight	5.0
Brooklawn	4.8
Brilliant	4.3
Bedazzled	3.9
Lakeshore	3.9
Blacksburg II	2.5
York Harbour III	1.0
LSD at 5%	1.2

- Turf Grass Quality Ratings 1-9; 9=Ideal Turf
- Selected varieties including highest and lowest

