

Product Sheet

Oxford Fine Fescue



Introduction

Oxford Hard fescue is an elite fine fescue variety known for its dark color, fine leaf texture, drought tolerance, disease and insect resistance. It is 100% endophyte enhanced. Oxford ranked #1 for quality rating grown under shade in the 2005 NTEP trials making it ideal for lower maintenance areas as well as fine turf areas. It also ranked high for genetic color, shade tolerance, and drought tolerance. Oxford is well adapted for mixtures with bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, and other fine fescues in cool season mixtures requiring shade and drought tolerance. It is an ideal selection for sod production mixtures and golf course roughs where the "Links look" is desired.

Characteristics

- Ranked #1 for overall quality grown under shade
- Dark green genetic color
- Very fine leaf texture
- Very good mowing qualities
- Excellent disease resistance
- Excellent red thread and dollar spot resistance
- Excellent drought tolerance
- Very good wear and traffic tolerance
- Excellent spring green-up and density

Summary of Turfgrass Quality Ratings for Fineleaf Cultivars Appendix Table/2005 NTEP data	
Name	Mean
Spartan II	6.0
Zodiac	5.9
Oxford	5.7
Wendy Jean	5.7
Longfellow	5.5
Pathfinder	5.4
Ambassador	5.4
Razor	5.3
Celestial	5.2
Cascade	5.0
Audubon	4.9
Oracle	4.5
Boreal	4.3
LSD at 5%	0.3

Mean Turfgrass Quality Ratings of Fineleaf Fescue Cultivars Grown Under Shade Table 8a/2005 NTEP Data	
Name	Mean
Oxford	6.6
Reliant IV	6.0
Spartan II	5.9
Zodiac	5.7
Celestial	5.4
Culumbra II	5.3
Epic	4.9
Compass	4.6
Audubon	4.5
Razor	4.2
Oracle	4.0
Boreal	3.1
LSD at 5%	0.3

Turfgrass Quality Ratings 1-9; 9= Ideal Turf

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