

Focus creeping bentgrass has demonstrated excellent resistance to dollar spot and other diseases, enabling you to reduce your fungicide applications on greens, tees and fairways. Focus is a product of a PICKSEED and Rutgers cooperative breeding effort, and is the result of many years of development and improvement.

DESCRIPTION:

Focus has been bred for versatility and can be used for tees, greens and fairways. It's aggressive and produces a dense cover, but is not super aggressive so as to get too "puffy" in growth. It has been bred for adaptability and can be blended with other elite bents such as MacKenzie, Ninety-Six Two and other modern varieties. It has a medium dark-green color, with a finer leaf texture and good density.

DISEASE RESISTANCE:

Tested as SRP-1GMC, Focus is a modern variety bred for outstanding Dollar Spot resistance and summer stress tolerance. At Rutgers in New Jersey, Focus is unsurpassed in Dollar Spot resistance. Performance in New Jersey and other NTEP locations prove it will tolerate the lowest cutting heights, even in the hottest days of summer. Overall, disease resistance is excellent, as would be expected from a State of the Art variety from a PICKSEED / Rutgers joint effort.

ADAPTATION:

Focus is a multi use variety and is recommended in areas wherever creeping bentgrass is currently in use. Its outstanding heat tolerance and summer performance make it well adapted to the transition zone and the upper south. It is also very winter hardy and can be used with great success in colder northern areas of the U.S. and well into Canada. It is currently in official European trials.

Focus has shown fast recovery from aerification and fast establishment.



ESTABLISHMENT:

Focus is similar in seed size and in establishment characteristics to other elite creeping bents. For new stands, a normal seeding rate of 1 - 1.5 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended. In warm soils, germination will begin in 4-6 days after planting. In overseeding existing stands, use about 2-3 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2011
Main Uses	Golf Greens, Tees and Fairways, Particularly in high summer stress areas
Seed Count	6,500,000 / lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	4 - 6 days (warm soil)
Normal Days to First Mowing	21 - 28 days (late summer / fall)
NTEP Quality Ratings (2009 - 2010)	Excellent - 7.1 - Average from table 2b
Genetic Color	Medium Dark Green - 6.4
Summer Stress Tolerance	Excellent
Leaf Texture	Medium Fine - 6.6
Turf Density	Medium Dense - 6.7
Shade Tolerance	Fair
Wear Tolerance	Very Good
pH Range	4.8 - 8.2
Mature Plant Height	Medium Low
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent
Horizontal Growth Rate	Fast - Excellent for Recovery
Recovery From Aerification	Very Good - 7.3
Anthracoze Resistance	Very Good - 5.7
Salt Tolerance	Very Good (PSU Data)
Dollar Spot Resistance	Excellent - 7.6
Pink Snow Mold Resistance	Excellent - 8.0
Poa Annua Resistance	Excellent
Seedling Vigor and Establishment	Good - 5.7