

America is one of the very best varieties of Kentucky bluegrass that money can buy. Not a single other variety exhibits such an outstanding combination of important characteristics as America. It has been an exceptional performer for many years and has been a top rated variety through two NTEP trials.

**DESCRIPTION:**

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.

**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. America has excellent persistence and toughness even under very stressful summer conditions.

**USAGE:**

America is recommended for use wherever a high quality variety of Kentucky bluegrass is desired. It 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 – 1½ 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	16
Normal Days to First Mowing	35 – 40
NTEP Quality Ratings (1996 – 2000 Data)	Excellent – 6.2
Genetic Color	Dark green – 6.6
Summer Stress Tolerance	Excellent
Leaf Texture	Fine – 6.5
Turf Density	Very Dense – 6.8
Shade Tolerance	Excellent
Sod Strength	Excellent – 73 lbs.
pH Range	5.0 – 7.8
Winterhardiness	Excellent
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent
Growth Rate	Slow
Mature Plant Height	Low
Leaf Spot Resistance	Very good – 5.3
Summer patch resistance	Excellent – 8.0
Brown Patch Resistance	Excellent
Dollar Spot Resistance	Excellent – 8.2
Gray Leaf Spot Resistance	Excellent