

Jiffie II is a product of the Pickseed breeding program, and was developed at the Pickseed research station near Corvallis, OR. Jiffie II is ideal for use as both a perennial turfgrass and for southern overseeding of dormant warm season grasses.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Jiffie II combines all the most advanced features of a modern perennial ryegrass. It is very fast starting, but lower growing. It is endophyte enhanced, and has outstanding color and texture, but also retains excellent overall disease resistance. Jiffie II has excellent summer performance, even under hot, humid conditions.

**DISEASE RESISTANCE:**

Jiffie II has been screened for resistance to all the major turf diseases that typically affect perennial ryegrass. In Pennsylvania and New Jersey trials to date, it has demonstrated good resistance to Brown Patch, Pythium, and Gray Leaf Spot. It also has very good resistance to Dollar Spot and Red Thread.

**USAGE:**

Jiffie II is highly recommended for use as a high quality perennial turfgrass in the north, and as an overseeding grass in the south. As a perennial turf, it is excellent on sports fields, playgrounds, lawns, parks, golf courses, and all other areas where a fast starting, attractive turf is desired. It is compatible with Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue and tall fescue when used in turf seed mixtures. For southern golf course and other fine turf uses, Jiffie II forms an extremely high quality winter turf surface when overseeded on dormant southern grasses. For overseeding it can be planted straight or blended with other high quality perennial ryegrasses. It also mixes well with other species such as poa trivialis and red fescue.

**MAINTENANCE:**

A soil pH of 6.4 – 7.0 is ideal for Jiffie II, but it will tolerate a pH range of approx. 5.0 – 8.1. For most situations, the application of about ½ lb. per 1000 sq. ft. actual N per month of growing season is ideal. But, with its exceptional dark green color, less N is needed to maintain excellent color. Jiffie II has excellent tolerance to close mowing. On fairways, it easily tolerates mowing heights of 3/8 – ¾”, and on greens it will tolerate cutting heights down to 3/16”.

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### PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

**SEEDING:**

Late summer and early fall seeding times are best with mid-spring being the second best seeding time. With a late summer planting, germination may occur in five days, and the first mowing in four weeks. In the north, a seeding rate of 6 – 8 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended. In the south, golf greens are normally overseeded at 30 – 40 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. while fairways are normally overseeded at 10 – 20 lbs. A pre-plant fertilizer application of about one pound actual NPK per 1000 sq. ft. worked into the soil helps initial establishment.

#### TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2004
Main Uses	Overseeding, golf courses, lawns, sports turf
Seed Count	285,000 seeds / lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	4—7 days, fall
Normal Days to First Mowing	25 days, fall
Quality Ratings (Cooler areas)	Excellent
Genetic Color	Very dark green
Summer Stress Tolerance	Fair - good
Leaf Texture	Fine
Turf Density	Very dense
Shade Tolerance	Fair
Wear Tolerance	Not tested
pH Range	5.0 -7.9
Mature Plant Height	Low
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent
Growth Rate	Slow
Red Thread Resistance	Very good
Leaf Spot Resistance	Very good
Gray Leaf Spot Resistance	Fair
Brown Patch Resistance	Fair
Dollar Spot Resistance	Very good