

Developed at Texas A&M University, Ninety-Six Two creeping bentgrass is Pickseed's newest variety of creeping bentgrass. Ninety-Six Two was developed to perform well under severe summer stress conditions at green, tee and fairway cutting heights.

DESCRIPTION:

Ninety-Six Two was developed by Dr. Milt Engelke at Texas A&M University in Dallas, TX. The original cross was made in 1996 from germplasm selected and screened at his research station in Dallas. All parent material used for Ninety-Six Two was selected to produce deep roots to thrive under extreme conditions of heat and drought stress. After many years of testing and refinement, Ninety-Six Two was released for commercial production in 2003.

DISEASE AND INSECT RESISTANCE:

Ninety-Six Two has demonstrated excellent resistance to summer stress related diseases such as pythium, brown patch, and other patch type diseases. It also has good resistance to cold area diseases such as the snow molds and cool temperature brown patch. Resistance to dollar spot has ranged from resistant to susceptible depending on the area and time of year.

USAGE:

Ninety-Six Two is a multi-use creeping bent. It will tolerate the lowest putting green heights, but also is excellent for tee and fairway use. It has a medium dark green color, a finer leaf texture and an overall dense and attractive appearance. It is very well adapted to areas with significant summer stress. It has been bred to produce a healthy and deep root system even in the summer, and also resists ball mark damage.

ADAPTATION:

Ninety-Six Two is well adapted throughout the normal areas of creeping bentgrass use. It has excellent cold tolerance and grows well in Canada and other colder than normal areas. It has been successfully used for green, tee and fairway use. It can be successfully blended with other elite creeping bents such as Cato, Crenshaw, Pennlinks, Penneagle, L-93 or Providence. Blending with super dense varieties such as the "A" and "G" series is possible, but untested to date.

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CREeping BENTGRASS

MAINTENANCE:

Ninety-Six Two was entered into the 1998 NTEP creeping bentgrass trial. It also has been extensively tested in many private trials. Pickseed's Ninety-Six Two is now commercially available. Certified seed of Ninety-Six Two first became available in 2003.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2003
Main Uses	Greens, Tees and Fairways
Seed Count	NA
Normal Days to Germinate	8
Normal Days to First Mowing	28
NTEP Quality Ratings (2001 data)	Excellent – 5.9 sand, 6.2 soil greens
Genetic Color	Excellent – 5.9
Summer Stress Tolerance	Excellent
Leaf Texture	Fine – 7.1
Turf Density	Excellent – 7.0
Shade Tolerance	Fair
Sod Strength	Not Tested
pH Range	5.0 – 8.1
Wear Tolerance	Very Good
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent – to 0.125"
Growth Rate	Medium
Mature Plant Height	30 cm
Leaf Spot Resistance	Good – 6.0
Summer Patch Resistance	Very Good
Brown Patch Resistance	Excellent – 8.6
Dollar Spot Resistance	Fair – 5.6
Powdery Mildew Resistance	Not Tested