

Cayenne tall fescue was developed by Pickseed from superior selections of tall fescue plants screened for many years for turf quality, disease resistance and seed production potential.

DESCRIPTION:

Cayenne is a “state of the art” lower growing semi-dwarf type of tall fescue that forms a very attractive turf, and has received superior quality ratings in the NTEP trials. It has a dark green color, medium turf density and a medium fine leaf texture. Once established, it forms a very dense, tough, durable turf. Cayenne has excellent heat and drought tolerance and is a great performer under summer stress conditions.

DISEASE RESISTANCE:

Cayenne has exhibited excellent resistance to brown patch, and was ranked the top commercially available variety for brown patch resistance in the 2001 NTEP trials. Cayenne is also highly resistant to leaf spot diseases and dollar spot, and has good pythium resistance.

USAGE:

Cayenne is perfectly suited for home and commercial application. It demonstrates broad adaptability and can be used wherever tall fescue is adapted to provide a high quality, tough, durable turf surface. Cayenne’s shade and drought tolerance make it a great performer in shady areas. If a mixture of Kentucky bluegrass is desired, use 90 – 95% Cayenne with 5 – 10% Kentucky bluegrass. Bronco bluegrass, with its heat and drought tolerance and broader leaf blade is an excellent match for Cayenne. This elite variety can also be blended with other tall fescue varieties such as Mustang 3, Crossfire II and Dynasty.

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TALL FESCUE

SEEDING:

Recommended seeding times are early to mid-spring (good) or late summer to early fall (best). A seeding rate of 6 – 10 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended for new seedlings. Normally, seedlings will emerge in 7 – 12 days. New plantings should be kept moist until the seedlings are well established. Low maintenance characteristics make Cayenne easy to manage. It normally requires 3 – 5 lbs. of actual N per 1000 sq. ft. to keep it green and healthy. Fall fertilization is best with the use of a complete fertilizer (providing N, P and K). Fertilization and excessive irrigation should be avoided during the hot summer months.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2003
Main Uses	Lawns, sod productions, parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and golf course roughs
Seed Count	NA
Normal Days to Germinate	7 – 12 days
Normal Days to First Mowing	28
NTEP Quality Ratings (2001 data)	Excellent
Genetic Color	Dark Green
Summer Stress Tolerance	Excellent
Leaf Texture	Medium Fine
Turf Density	Medium
Shade Tolerance	Very Good
Sod Strength	Fair
pH Range	4.8 – 8.3
Wear Tolerance	Very Good
Growth Rate	Medium Slow
Mature Plant Height	30”
Leaf Spot Resistance	Very Good
Summer Patch Resistance	Excellent
Brown Patch Resistance	Very Good
Dollar Spot Resistance	Excellent