

Since its introduction in 1985, the original Victory has been a highly successful variety of chewings fescue. Now, with the introduction of an enhanced endophyte level and improvements in color, quality and disease resistance, Victory II make Victory complete. Tested as Pick 4-91W, Victory II is an improved version of the original Victory. Victory II provides excellent turf quality under low maintenance, shade and drought. The higher levels of endophyte provide improved resistance to insect attacks.

DESCRIPTION:

Victory II exhibits superior quality in the areas of color, uniformity, absence of disease, texture and attractiveness. Victory II is low growing, shade tolerant and boasts a dark green color. When used for turf, Victory II produces a dark green, compact, low growing, fine leafed turf of excellent quality.

DISEASE AND INSECT RESISTANCE:

Victory II has improved disease resistance compared to other chewings fescue, including its hard predecessor, Victory. This is an especially important advantage under low maintenance conditions. Victory II has demonstrated good to excellent resistance to Corticium Red Thread, Sclerotinia Dollar Spot, Helminthosporium Leaf Spot, and Powdery Mildew incited by Erysiphe Graminis.

USAGE:

Because of its dark color and fine texture, Victory II can be mixed with Kentucky bluegrass and/or perennial ryegrass in fine turf mixtures. It should comprise 20 – 40% of the mix by weight. For low maintenance turf, Victory II can be used alone or mixed with other fine fescues such as creeping, hard or sheeps fescue, or with Kentucky or Canada bluegrass.

Victory II has good shade tolerance and excellent winter hardiness. It can be used from the middle transition zone in the south to well into Canada and Alaska. Victory II is an excellent high quality component in northern turf seed mixtures. Victory II grows best at a pH between 5.5 and 6.5, but will tolerate pH levels between 5 and 8. Victory II can be used successfully for home lawns, golf courses, parks and other areas where a fine-leafed, high quality turf is desired. Because Victory II requires less mowing, it is well suited for low maintenance turf areas.

SEEDING:

Victory II has good seedling vigor and establishes quickly compared to other varieties of chewings fescue. It has about 400,000 seeds per lb. and should be seeded at a rate of 4 – 5 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft., or 150 – 200 lbs. per acre. The fastest establishment (7 – 10 days) occurs at soil temperatures over 65°F.



MAINTENANCE:

The fertility requirements of Victory II are less than for bluegrass and ryegrass – Victory II requires about 50% of the N fertilizer of ryegrass or bluegrass. Fall fertilization should be emphasized. Generally, 2 – 3 lbs. of N per 1000 sq. ft. per year is adequate. Balanced fertilizer with about a 2:1:1 ratio of NPK is recommended. In low maintenance situations where irrigation is not practical, the turf will usually go dormant in the summer until the fall rains and cooler temperatures arrive. In fine turf situations, Victory II should remain green and continue growth with a 30 – 50% lower water requirement than bluegrass or ryegrass. A mowing height of 1 – 3” is recommended. For low maintenance situations, at least one mowing in late spring is suggested to remove seed heads. Once established, Victory II can tolerate most turf herbicides commonly used for broad-leafed and pre-emergence weed control.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS	
Year of Introduction	2000
Main Uses	Golf, lawns, sports turf, parks, shade turf
Seed Count	465,000 seeds per lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	7 – 10 (fall)
Normal Days to First Mowing	40 – 45 (fall)
NTEP Quality Ratings (1994 – 1997 data)	Excellent – 5.6
Genetic Color	Dark Green – 6.0
Summer Stress Tolerance	Good
Leaf Texture	Very fine – 7.8
Turf Density	Dense – 4.9
Shade Tolerance	Excellent
Sod Strength	Not tested
Winter Hardiness	Excellent
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent
Growth Rate	Slow – 6.3
Mature Plant Height	Medium Low
Leaf Spot Resistance	Very good – 6.4
Brown Patch Resistance	Medium – 3.6
Summer Patch Resistance	Excellent
Pythium Blight Resistance	Excellent – 7.0
Dollar Spot Resistance	Very good – 6.2