

Corona (COL-M) is one of the darkest green tall fescues available. However, Corona is not just another pretty face. It performs well under both high and low maintenance and in the extreme environments of both the southeast and the desert southwest.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The hot and dry conditions of late summer are tough on turf. Add shade, poor soil and traffic to the equation, and most grasses don't stand a chance. Corona is a persistent, endophyte-enhanced variety that thrives in adverse summer conditions. Its dark green color, medium leaf texture and high disease resistance are uncompromised by heat, shade, low fertility soil, high salt conditions, low mowing and high traffic.

**DISEASE RESISTANCE:**

This versatile tall fescue has high resistance to brown patch and stem rust. It has a dwarf growth habit for reduced mowing and a uniform appearance. It was derived from multiple cycles of selection for brown patch resistance and high density in turf plots in the eastern United States. High density and dark green color make Corona an excellent tall fescue for all sites.

**USAGE:**

Corona is used across a wide region of the United States, Canada and across the world where tall fescues are adapted. It is adapted though the cool season turfgrass areas in the North, though the transition zone, into Southeast and Southwest. Corona is adaptable to a diverse range of soil types and will tolerate a pH range of 4.7 to 8.5.

Corona is recommended for home lawns, golf course roughs, parks and playgrounds, sports fields, and other low maintenance areas where top-quality tall fescue is desired. It is also used as a quality sod grass. Corona can be combined with other improved varieties of turf-type tall fescues and may also be mixed with 5-10% Kentucky bluegrass.



**MAINTENANCE:**

Corona can tolerate mowing heights as low as 1 inch (2.5 cm), however, a 1.5-3 inch (3-8 cm) height is recommended.

**TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

Year of Introduction	2008
Main Uses	Sod production, golf courses, lawns, sports turf
Seed Count	235,000 seeds / lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	5 – 8 days, fall
Normal Days to First Mowing	26 days, fall
NTEP Quality Ratings (2007 data)	Very good – 6.1
Genetic Color	Very dark green – 7.5
Summer Stress Tolerance	Very good
Leaf Texture	Medium fine – 5.9
Turf Density	Medium dense – 7.1
Shade Tolerance	Very good
Wear Tolerance	Very good – 5.7 in NJ
pH Range	4.8 – 8.1
Mature Plant Height	Medium
Close Mowing Tolerance	Very good – down to 5/8"
Growth Rate	Medium
Red Thread Resistance	Excellent (in OR trials)
Leaf Spot Resistance	Excellent (OR data)
Drought Tolerance	Very good – 5.7 dormancy score
Brown Patch Resistance	Good – 14.8% Knoxville, TN
Spring Green Up	Very good – 6.1