

Express has excellent seedling vigor and is a quick establishing perennial ryegrass. Seed count is around 260,000 seeds per pound, and endophyte level tops 80%. Dark green, lower growing Express has a moderately fine leaf texture and medium density.

DESCRIPTION:

While Express performs admirably all by itself, many users choose to mix this top quality ryegrass. It's a perfect partner for any of Pickseed's elite bluegrasses or fine fescues such as Victory II, Spartan II or Garnet. Plus, Express is an excellent blend partner with other Pickseed perennial ryegrasses. All alone, you can use Express as a long-lived perennial turfgrass in the north, and an elite overseeding grass in the south.

DISEASE RESISTANCE:

Thanks to its high endophyte level, Express provides good resistance to leaf and crown feeding insects such as sod webworms, army worms, billbugs and others. The endophyte also enhances heat and drought tolerance. Also, Express has very good crown rot and leaf spot resistance. This great Pickseed variety gives good resistance to powdery mildew and red thread as well and moderate resistance to brown patch.

SEEDING:

Pickseed recommends a seeding rate of 5 – 7 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. in the north. For overseeded southern golf course greens, 30 – 40 lbs. of Express per 1000 sq. ft. gives best results. In normal circumstances you can expect germination from 5 – 7 days.

EXPRESS

PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

MAINTENANCE:

For perennial turf the best mowing height is 1/2 - 2 inches. On overseeded golf greens, however, you can mow Express extremely low – down to 1/8 inch. As a general guideline, applications of balanced fertilizer supplying 1/2 - 3/4 lbs. actual N per 1000 sq. ft. per month of growing season help maintain a healthy turf. When Express is used as a perennial turf in hot, humid summer climates, spring and summer fertilization should be avoided. Fall fertilization is best under those conditions.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	1994
Main Uses	Overseeding, golf courses, lawns, sports turf
Seed Count	280,000 seeds per lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	5 – 7 days
Normal Days to First Mowing	23 days
NTEP Quality Ratings (1994 – 1998 Data)	Very good – 6.0
Genetic Color	Dark green – 7.0
Summer Stress Tolerance	Very good
Leaf Texture	Medium fine – 6.3
Turf Density	Medium dense – 6.3 summer
Shade Tolerance	Fair
Sod Strength	Not tested
pH Range	5.0 – 7.8
Winterhardiness	Good – 7.3
Close Mowing Tolerance	Very good
Growth Rate	Medium
Mature Plant Height	Medium
Leaf Spot Resistance	Good
Gray Leaf Spot Resistance	Fair / Good – 15.7%
Brown Patch Resistance	Very good – 6.1
Dollar Spot Resistance	Very good – 7.0
Red Thread Resistance	Very good – 7.0