

As a successor of the original Fiesta (released in 1975) and Fiesta II (released in 1986), Fiesta 3 represents the most modern type of elite perennial ryegrass. Like the earlier Fiesta varieties, Fiesta 3 is a joint Pickseed / Rutgers breeding effort, and it continues the longstanding tradition of excellence established by its predecessors.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Fiesta 3 sets new performance standards as the most advanced type of turf perennial ryegrass. It is endophyte enhanced, has a dark green color, fine leaf texture and maintains excellent density during hot, stressful summer months and throughout the year. The overall turf performance is outstanding.

**DISEASE RESISTANCE:**

Fiesta 3 has been screened for resistance to all of the major turf diseases including pythium, brown patch, and gray leaf spot. No perennial ryegrass has complete resistance to these “hot weather” diseases, but Fiesta 3 has been selected to resist the onset of these diseases longer than the typical perennial ryegrass.

**USAGE:**

Fiesta 3 is highly recommended for use on athletic fields, playgrounds, parks, golf courses, home lawns, and all other areas where a fast starting, attractive turf is desired. It is very compatible with other cool season turfgrasses such as fine fescue and Kentucky bluegrass in turf seed blends and mixtures.

A soil pH of 6.5 – 7.0 is ideal for Fiesta 3, but it will tolerate a pH range from about 5.0 – 8.0. Fiesta 3 grows best on fertile, well-drained, loamy soils, but will tolerate clay and sandy soils as well as poorly drained, wet soils.

**SEEDING:**

Very rapid establishment can be expected with Fiesta 3. Under average seeding conditions, Fiesta 3 will emerge 5 – 10 days after planting and may be ready to mow in 3 – 4 weeks. A seeding rate of 5 – 7 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended for perennial turf in cool season areas. For overseeding dormant golf greens in the south, a seeding rate of 20 – 40 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended.

Fiesta 3 has a high seed count averaging about 300,000 seeds per lb. With proper management and irrigation, Fiesta 3 can be seeded anytime during the growing season. However, for most situations, the late summer to mid fall or early to mid spring time periods are best.

## FIESTA 3

### PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

**MAINTENANCE:**

For most situations, Fiesta 3 does best when fertilized with about ½ - 1 lb. of actual N per 1000 sq. ft. per month of growing season. A complete fertilizer supplying adequate amounts of phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and minor elements is generally best.

For perennial turf, Fiesta 3 can tolerate mowing heights down to ½” or even less in some situations. As an overseeding grass, Fiesta 3 can be cut at putting green heights.

#### TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2002
Main Uses	Golf, lawns, sports turf, parks, overseeding
Seed Count	290,000 seeds / lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	5 days (fall)
Normal Days to First Mowing	24 days (fall)
NTEP Quality Ratings	Very good – 5.7
Genetic Color	Dark green – 6.8
Summer Stress Tolerance	Excellent
Leaf Texture	Fine – 6.9
Turf Density	Medium – 6.9
Shade Tolerance	Fair
Wear Tolerance	Excellent
pH Range	5.1 – 7.7
Mature Plant Height	Medium Low
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent
Growth Rate	Medium slow
Gray Leaf Spot Resistance	Very good – 6.3
Leaf Spot Resistance	Very resistant – 5.7
Summer patch resistance	Good
Brown Patch Resistance	Good
Dollar Spot Resistance	Very good – 5.4