

Sunpro combines exceptional dark green color and medium fine leaf texture with above average tiller density, low maintenance adaptability, and excellent heat and drought tolerance.

DESCRIPTION:

The result of a long term tall fescue breeding program, Sunpro is a 12 clone synthetic variety developed at the Pickseed research station. The parent clones were from a diverse background with most developed form tillers taken from exceptionally good turf plots in the eastern U.S.

Excellent in blends and mixes like Pickseed's Team, Sunpro has been an outstanding performer.

DISEASE RESISTANCE:

A medium height variety with a growth rate slower than older varieties such as Mustang, but not as slow as dwarf varieties, Sunpro has a medium endophyte level.

While its turf performance is excellent, Sunpro – like all tall fescues – may be subject to the Pythium and Brown Patch diseases under hot, humid summer conditions. These problems are usually temporary and will disappear with the return of more favorable weather.

MANAGEMENT:

Sunpro does best with about 2 – 5 pounds of actual N per 1000 sq. ft. per year. Fall application of fertilizer is preferred. Sunpro can survive long periods of drought without supplemental irrigation in areas receiving over 30 inches of annual rainfall. Irrigation may be necessary in drier areas.

Sunpro can be closely mowed – between 1-1/4 – 3” is best – and is highly recommended for sod production, golf course roughs, home lawns, parks, sports turf, playgrounds, industrial lawns, and all other areas where a high quality, attractive turf is desired.



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 one thousand sq. ft. is recommended for new seedlings. Normally, seedlings will emerge in 8 – 12 days. New plantings should be kept moist until the seedlings are well established.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	1996
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 (1993-1995)	Very good - 5.8, 47 locations
Genetic Color	Dark green - 7.0
Summer Stress Tolerance	Very good
Leaf Texture	Medium fine - 5.7
Turf Density (Summer)	Medium dense - 6.3
Shade Tolerance	Very good
Wear Tolerance	Very good - 7.7
pH Range	4.8—8.1
Mature Plant Height	Medium low
Close Mowing Tolerance	Very good
Growth Rate	Slower vertical growth
Red Thread Resistance	Good - 5.8
Leaf Spot Resistance	Good - 5.7
Pythium Resistance	Medium - 5.3
Brown Patch Resistance	Medium - 5.4
Fusarium Patch Resistance	Very good - 7.7