

UNITED KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

Poa pratensis

DESCRIPTION

United Kentucky Bluegrass is an elite selection that excels under both low and high maintenance. United was selected as an elite seedling in 2013 resulting from a cross of a first-generation hybrid plant of Texas Bluegrass crossed with Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa arachnifera* x *Poa pratensis*), selected in 2010. The Texas x Kentucky hybrid was pollinated by plants selected from "Midnight" in 2012 to create United Kentucky Bluegrass. United's medium-dark color, high density, low shoot growth, and aggressive rhizomes are well suited for use across a broad range of applications. These features along with its excellent performance in drought and disease resistance contribute to United's outstanding performance under low maintenance programs as well.

APPLICATION

- Blend with other elite Bluegrasses or mix with other species
- Turfgrass sod production, high performance sports turf, low mow golf, low maintenance programs

GEOGRAPHICAL ADAPTATION

Cool-season and transition zones

PRODUCTION AREAS

Washington, eastern Oregon

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Elite turfgrass performance
- Heat tolerant and drought tolerant
- Excellent traffic tolerance
- High density
- Low mow
- Low input
- Disease resistance (summer patch, crown rust, dollar spot)
- Medium fine texture
- Medium dark green color

RATE*

- Overseeding: 1.5 – 3 lbs./1,000 ft².
- New Seeding: 2 – 3 lbs./1,000 ft².

*local conditions vary and dictate rates



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TABLE 6.

MEAN TURFGRASS QUALITY RATINGS OF KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CULTIVARS*
GROWN AT TWO LOCATIONS 1/
IN THE NORTHEAST REGION

2018 DATA

TURFGRASS QUALITY RATINGS 1-9; 9=IDEAL TURF 2/

NAME	CT1	NJ2	MEAN
GO-2425	7.5	6.7	7.1
UNITED (NAI-13-14)	7.5	5.7	6.6
BARVETTE HGT®	6.6	6.5	6.5
MIDNIGHT	7.0	5.7	6.4
YELLOWSTONE (A12-7)	6.7	5.8	6.2
SKYE	6.9	5.5	6.2
BLUE DEVIL	6.7	5.3	6.0
PROSPERITY	7.1	4.6	5.8
PIVOT	5.7	5.3	5.5
BABE	6.2	4.5	5.3
SHAMROCK	6.0	4.6	5.3
SELWAY	6.3	3.8	5.1
ORION	5.7	3.8	4.7
BLUE KNIGHT	6.2	2.2	4.2
KEN BLUE	4.9	2.5	3.7
LSD VALUE	0.7	0.8	0.5
CV (%)	6.7	9.7	8.1

1/ TO DETERMINE STATISTICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG ENTRIES, SUBTRACT ONE ENTRY'S MEAN FROM ANOTHER ENTRY'S MEAN. STATISTICAL DIFFERENCES OCCUR WHEN THIS VALUE IS LARGER. 2/ C.V. (COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION) INDICATES THE PERCENT VARIATION OF THE MEAN IN EACH COLUMN. *table includes highest rated entry and only commercial entries at time of publication. Refer to www.ntep.org for complete data.



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