

Award Kentucky Bluegrass



FEATURES:

- High density at fairway clipping heights (under ½ inch)
- Intense dark green color – darker green than all other bluegrasses
- Fine-textured, upright leaves
- Excellent leafspot resistance
- Excellent spring and summer disease resistance

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- **SUPERIOR TURF QUALITY:** **Award** scored an 8.4 average in overall turf quality over five growing seasons in Post Falls, Idaho and ranked in the top 5% at the Maryland trials. **Award** is a dense, very dark green Kentucky bluegrass variety selected for improved disease resistance and broad climatic persistence under varying management regimes.
- **UNMATCHED CLOSE-CUT TOLERANCE:** **Award** showed strong quality performance at a cutting height of ½ inch. It scored a superior 8.7 rating in Post Falls, Idaho trials. **Award** was the #1 variety in a fairway cut trial in Manhattan, Kansas.
- **SHADE TOLERANCE:** **Award** performed very well in a shade trial in May, 1995. **Award** was identified as possessing exceptionally good shade tolerance.
- **TOP WINTER AND SPRINGTIME PERFORMANCE:** **Award** performed very well in winter color and in spring greenup.
- **AGGRESSIVE:** **Award** is moderately aggressive, but it is not as thatch-prone as earlier aggressive bluegrass releases.

DISEASE AND INSECT TOLERANCE:

- Leaf spot Excellent resistance
- Stem rust Very good resistance
- Snow mold Good resistance
- Brown patch Good resistance

DEVELOPMENT:

Award began as one of the progeny of hybrid cross no. 89-1037. Two, high-performance, commercial bluegrass varieties (the identity of which will be kept confidential until the PVP application is filed) were hybridized in 1989. Plants with characters dissimilar to the mother plant were harvested in July, 1991, and established into turf plots in Post Falls, Idaho.