

Elite Kentucky Bluegrass blend for Sod Producers

Ultra Sod Kentucky bluegrass is the best formula for discriminating sod production professionals. Genetically diverse and widely adapted, Ultra Sod performs in an array of climates, management regimes and cultural practices. Ultra Sod contains four genetically different varieties of bluegrass with unique performance characteristics. Ginney II is an improved "Midnight type" with top NTEP performance. Mystere is a new "America type" with the best turf quality and spring green-up in its class. Diva, a "Compact type" has become the most popular new bluegrass in the industry with top NTEP performance and the best drought tolerance. Diva is recognized by the Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance and when used decreases water use by more than 50% compared to other bluegrass varieties. Guinness is an improved "Shamrock type" with excellent turf quality, fast germination and rapid establishment. Turf coverage is fast enough to discourage annual grassy and broadleaf weeds when compared to slower establishing bluegrass varieties.

Seed Mix

- 30% Diva Kentucky bluegrass
- 25% Mystere Kentucky bluegrass
- 25% Guinness Kentucky bluegrass
- 20% Ginney Kentucky bluegrass

Characteristics

Persistence	Early spring green-up	Good fall color retention	Winter hardy
Medium texture	Good drought tolerance	High seedling vigor	Low growth profile
Good durability	High wear tolerance	Dark green color	

Establishment Tips

Kentucky bluegrass is a resilient perennial turf grass. Its biggest deficiency is speed of establishment. Common varieties of Kentucky bluegrass may take two to three times longer than ryegrass to germinate. To thicken an existing lawn use Ultra Sod for dormant seeding in the late fall, or frost seeding in the very early spring (when the ground is just beginning to thaw). Slit seed or aerate is the most efficient when seeded early in the spring before the mature lawn is actively growing. When over seeding, mow lawn as short as possible and wait until seed has germinated to fertilize the area.

Maintenance Tips

Kentucky bluegrass lawns that are recovering from drought stress should be fertilized with GreenGuard Lawn Starter/Builder in Mid-August and with Winterizer in late September. Lawns that have been damaged by cold, open winters will recover more quickly when fertilized with GreenGuard Lawn Starter/Builder about the first of May and again in early June. Apply Quench in early June to sustain lawn health through summer stress.

Mowing

Ultra Sod will perform best if mowed no lower than 3 inches in height and never remove more than 30% of the height at one time, especially in the summer. This height produces a healthier defense to summer stress, disease, insects, and the development of weeds. The most successful fall program is to reduce mowing height to 2 inches mid October, to better prevent spring disease infestation.

Seeding Rates

Before planting use Soil Prep Plus to improve root development and faster establishment.

New lawn: 150-175 lbs. /acre

Repairing: Use 2-3 lbs/1000 sq. ft. based on severity of damage.

