

## Bentgrass Lawn Grass Seed

Bentgrass Lawn Grass Seed - Bentgrass is a very fine, elegant, beautiful grass, especially suited for the northern two thirds of the United States. Bentgrass is used extensively for recreational areas such as golf courses, athletic fields, and high end lawns. Bentgrass demands frequent maintenance. Bentgrass tolerates acid soil conditions and prefers full sun.

### Adaptation

Bentgrass is primarily grown in the northern two thirds of the United States and is considered a cool climate seed. Used primarily for golf courses, putting greens, baseball infields, and very elegant lawns. It has the ability to grow in a wide range of soil types and can tolerate very acid soils. It does not do well below the transition zone &ndash; see our map.

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### Preparation

A good seed bed is essential for establishing a good stand of bentgrass from seed. Till the soil three to four inches deep, remove all sticks, rocks, and other debris. Continue tilling until the soil is free of all clumps. Level and smooth the area to prepare a suitable seed bed. Incorporate 15 lbs. of 16-4-8 fertilizer per 1000 sq. ft. the drag or roll the seedbed smooth.

### Seeding Bentgrass Lawns

Using a over the shoulder or hand held spreader, spread 1 or 2 pounds of bentgrass seed per 1000 sq. ft. Rake the seed into the seedbed very lightly then roll firm with a lawn roller. Care should be taken not to cover bentgrass seed more than ½ inch with soil.

Water the area to moisten the top 2 inches of soil. In the absence of rain, water the seeded area lightly each day to keep the top two inches of soil moist. Continue water applications daily until the bentgrass seedlings are three weeks old. Reduce watering to three times per week for the next thirty days unless there is adequate rainfall.

### Maintaining Bentgrass Lawns

Bentgrass is a high maintenance grass and one should not plant bentgrass unless there is a commitment to frequent maintenance. One should consult the County Extension Agent for specific maintenance recommendations of your area. Since Bentgrass grows in 2/3 of the U.S.A. there are too many soil types and other variables to list all the maintenance requirements for all the different areas of the country.

### PennCross Bentgrass Seed

PennCross competes with *Poa annua* on putting greens, tees and fairways. PennCross breeding began with 156 vegetatively propagated bentgrasses and was later reduced to 21. These were crossed for turf performance, and the components were tested under a wide variety of locations in the U.S. and Canada. Results show that PennCross has

wide adaptability, tight, upright growth characteristics and fine leaf texture.

Characteristics:

- Strong seedling vigor
- Aggressive growth and good wear tolerance
- Medium dark green color
- Good Dollar Spot resistance

Recommended Use: Golf Courses (fairways, tees and greens), Winter Overseeding of Bermudagrass Greens, Premium Lawns and Backyard Putting Greens.

Climatic Zones: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,

(may not be adaptable to all areas within each zone)

Establishment & Maintenance: Plant the seed to make good seed to soil contact and keep seedlings moist until well rooted. Germination will take place in 7 - 15 days, depending on soil temperatures, and the first mowing may be expected within 30 days, or when the plants have sufficiently rooted. Mow at a 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) height of cut or lower until turf is established. Limited use of the area can be expected in 6 weeks. PennCross performs best in soils with a pH of 5.5 to 8. It has a moderate nitrogen requirement with 1 - 2 pounds of actual N per 1,000 square feet per year, adequate in most situations. Optimum greens mowing height for PennCross is 3/16 - 5/16 inch (4.8 - 7.9 mm) but can be adjusted higher or lower depending upon maintenance practices and intended use. PennCross performs best on sandy soils and tolerates clay soils with adequate drainage. Bentgrasses do not perform well in wet areas; however, PennCross can tolerate saturated soil conditions for short periods of time.

Seeding Rates:

- \* New Turf Applications: 1 - 2 lbs/ 1000 sq. ft. (1/2 - 1 kg/100 sq meters)
- \* Overseeding of Existing Turf: 1/2 - 1 lb/1000 sq. ft. (1/4 - 1/2 kg/100 sq. meters)