

BLUE RIBBON



25% Dragon Ky. Bluegrass
25% Famous Ky. Bluegrass
25% Guinness Ky. Bluegrass
25% Rambo Ky. Bluegrass

This blend of improved, Iowa adapted bluegrasses provides a “sod” look to any seeded area. Ideal for full sun areas where 100% Kentucky bluegrass is desired.

- Fast to start & easy to establish improved varieties
- Excellent durability and repair traits
- Attractive, yet hardy home lawns
- Situational sod quality
- Great in mixes for ball fields, parks, and medians



- Iowa-adapted Kentucky bluegrass Blend
- Excellent cold hardiness
- Good fall color
- Early spring green-up
- Excellent turf density

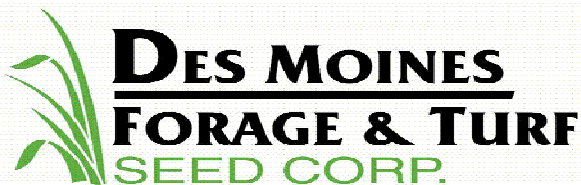
- Good heat, drought, and dormancy tolerance
- Works well for spot-seeding & over seeding
- Improved season long color rating
- Low use of fertilizer, water & chemicals

RECOMMENDED Seeding Rates:
2-3 lb/1000 Sq Feet—Established Lawn
1-2 lb/1000 Sq Feet—Overseeding



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Blue Ribbon Bluegrass Blend

Contains mixture of 25% Dragon, 25% Famous, 25% Guinness and 25% Rambo Kentucky bluegrass by weight. Blue Ribbon is a blend of improved, Iowa-adapted bluegrass that provides a “sod” look to any seeded area and designed to provide high quality sward under intense use. Blue Ribbon is ideal for full sun areas where 100% Kentucky bluegrasses desired. Dragon, Famous, Guinness and Rambo Kentucky bluegrass have very extensive rhizomes that have the ability to fill in damaged areas by their aggressive lateral growth. Kentucky bluegrass also has excellent cold tolerance, improved traffic tolerance, a slow vertical growth rate which results in less mowing and the best quality turf of the cool-season species. Improved Kentucky bluegrass provides the highest quality most elegant cool-season turf available to turf care professionals.

Features:

- Blend of Iowa-adapted Kentucky bluegrass
- Excellent cold hardiness
- Good fall color with early spring green-up
- Ideal for sport and athletic fields and golf course fairways
- Great for home lawns, high quality parks and industrial sites

Benefits:

- Durable traffic tolerant turf
- Safe and rugged sport turf and sod
- Less mowing, lower mowing costs
- Best when seeded in full sun
- Reliable performance under abiotic & biotic stress

Performance:

Famous and Dragon are improved “BVMG” type Kentucky bluegrasses with strong seedling vigor, compact intermediate plant height and medium to wide leaf texture. They exhibit good resistance to leaf spot, summer patch and moderate resistance to stripe smut, dollar spot and fusarium blight. Guinness is a “Shamrock” type Kentucky bluegrass that has made revolutionary bounds when it comes to speed. Guinness is the fastest establishing elite Kentucky bluegrass in the industry. Rambo is classified as an “America” type Kentucky bluegrass that greens up quickly and develops a very dense turf...one of the densest varieties in spring, summer and fall. This combination of density and horizontal spread helps Rambo choke out weeds reducing the need for herbicides.

Uses:

Blue Ribbon is specially formulated for permanent turf in northern regions of US and Canada for football, soccer, baseball fields and playgrounds where durable, high quality turf and traffic tolerance is required. It also is recommended for high quality industrial sites, golf course fairways, tees and fine home lawns.

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Establishment and Maintenance:

When establishing new turf Blue Ribbon should be seeded at 2-3 lbs. Per 1000 ft². Sow in spring or fall when soil temperatures are 60°F or higher. Seed should be drilled or broadcast, should be lightly covered with weed free mulch or clean sand or soil, rolled to firm up the soil and planted no deeper than ¼ inch. Irrigate and keep the soil moist continually until seedlings have greater than three leaf stage. Under optimal growing conditions germination can be expected in 14-21 days. Attractive turf color should be observed in 30 days with the first rotary mowing on day 45 post establishment. Limited use of the seeded area can be expected in 60 days. In northern and transitional areas of the US the recommended cutting heights are 1” to 3”.

Renovating Old Turf:

Blue Ribbon is an excellent choice to renovate old turf areas with or without the use of Roundup® herbicide to kill the old turf prior to seeding. Seed at 1-2 lbs. Per 1000 ft² for slice seeding and interseeding of existing lawns and commercial sites. If there are many undesirable grasses in the old turf area it is best to spray Roundup® at the manufacturers recommended rate prior to seeding. The seed should be planted by using a slit seeder or a dethatching machine to incorporate the seed in the soil below the thatch level. If there is more than ¾” of thatch, dethatching should be done prior to the spreading of seed.

Weed Control:

(From NCSU Pest Control Recommendations for Turfgrass Managers, 2003.) In established turf for post-emergent broadleaf control 2, 4-D and *dicamba* (Banvel). Spring pre-emergent control DCPA of *bensulide* (Dacthal). Pre-emergent crabgrass and goosegrass control on established Blue Ribbon with *pendimethalin* (Pre-M), *prodiamine* (Barracade), *oxadazon=benefin*, *oryzalin* (Surflan), *benefin* (Balan), *sidureon* (Tupersan), *dithiopyr* (Dimension).

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