



Spartacus turf perennial ryegrass

Key features:

- Speed of establishment
- Medium dark green
- Contains endophyte
- Excellent year-round colour
- Absence of browning

Spartacus is a medium dark green turf perennial ryegrass with good density and fineness and an outstanding lively green colour retention with absence of browning. Excellent year-round colour and scores well in trials for both density and fineness.

Spartacus represents a new standard for melting out disease resistance.

Breeding history

Developed from crosses of winter active types from Algeria and Spain with dark fine material from America and Europe. It has undergone four cycles of selection in New Zealand and one in Queensland to survive heat and disease pressure. A very healthy turf type perennial ryegrass bred for fineness, density and colour with levels of winter growth. Some plants in breeding cycle contained the Staygreen trait. Spartacus has high endophyte levels helping to resist insect attack.

Sowing rate and maintenance

Spartacus turf perennial ryegrass can be sown in lawns at 30 - 50 g/m² (300 - 500 kg/ha). Use the higher seeding rate for faster establishment.

In new sports fields and winter over-seeded warm season grass it should be sown at 400 - 500 kg/ha.

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