

New

American Sheep Fescue | Hard Fescue

BIGHORN GT

Festuca brevipila Tracey

Description:

Bighorn GT originally tested as PST-4BU3 is an American sheeps fescue developed for a wide range of adaptability in the turf grass industry. Bighorn GT was bred and selected for improved turf performance, disease resistance, natural glyphosate resistance, and increased seed yield. Bighorn GT has been a top performer in glyphosate trials when sprayed at a rate of 20 oz./acre (1.46 liter/ha). Bighorn GT has shown improved drought tolerance and a higher percentage of green cover when compared to other fine fescues under reduced watering conditions. Bighorn GT displays a pleasing blue-green color combined with good turf density and fine texture. These traits also contribute to an excellent range of mowing heights from closely mowed fairways to un-cut golf course roughs with full maturity height at 14"-18" (35-45 cm)

Geographical Adaption:

Bighorn GT's range of adaptability is from the transition zones through northern climates commonly suitable for cool season turf grass varieties. It has excellent cold tolerance. Bighorn GT can hold up as a mono-stand or utilized in blends and mixtures with other cool season grasses. It especially blends well with other fine fescues. It can be used in lawn mixtures with perennial ryegrass and Kentucky bluegrass for improved shade performance. Bighorn GT is an excellent choice for golf course roughs and steep slopes and often left un-mowed for an appealing, low maintenance, natural look.

Applications:

For most applications 2-4 lbs./1,000 sq. ft. (97-195 kg/ha) is generally accepted for new installations. Under normal germination conditions full establishment can be expected in 14-21 days. First mowing can occur at 2"-4" (5-10 cm.)

TRAITS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Glyphosate Tolerance	[Red bar from 1 to 9]									
Vertical Growth	[Green bar from 1 to 7]									
Drought Tolerance	[Orange bar from 1 to 8]									
Shade Tolerance	[Blue bar from 1 to 5]									
Seeding Rate	2-4 lbs /1000sq. ft (97-195 kg/ha)									

20 oz. glyphosate app. On 7/1/11	
Entry	% green cover 8/3/11
Bighorn GT	90.4
Soil Guard	81.7
Seabreeze GT	71.7
Enchantment	71.5
Aurora Gold	66.9
Wendy Jean	31.7

LSD (0.05) (19.5)

* Evaluated using digital image analysis

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