

Technical Data



BENEFITS

- A-List Cultivar
- High Shear Strength
- Excellent Seedling Vigor
- Drought and Shade Tolerant

MERCURY

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

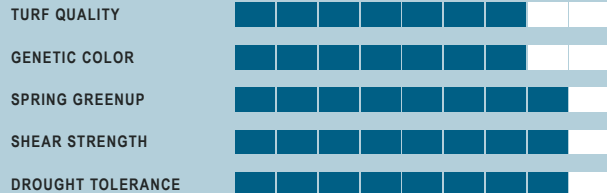
Mercury A-LIST (PICK 232) Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*) America-type, has the high shear strength needed for sports fields and sod production from its father, P-105, combined with the shade and drought tolerance from its Compact-America type mother. Fast germination and quick establishment makes it the perfect bluegrass for new stands or overseeding. Mercury is a dark green, medium textured variety with exceptional uniformity. It has medium density and, while it performs very well in the shade, it has good summer performance with very good heat and drought tolerance. Mercury has a large seed with above average seedling vigor and establishment. It establishes quickly and produces a tough turf with excellent sod shear strength.

PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

SEEDING RATE2-4 LBS PER 1000FT²
 GERMINATION6-12 DAYS
 MOWING FREQUENCY.....1 TIME PER WEEK
 NITROGEN REQUIRED.....LOW
 ENDOPHYTE ENHANCED.....NO

RATINGS

Poor-----Excellent



NTEP 2001-2005 SHEAR STRENGTH(%)

Mercury	56.8
Cabernet	55.8
Baron	54.8
Diva	53.5
Julia	52.8
Shamrock	52.8
Kenblue	52.0
Midnight	49.0
LSD	9.0

NTEP 2001-2005 SPRING GREENUP

1-9, 9=Best

Washington	6.5
Kenblue	6.1
Shamrock	6.1
Mercury	5.8
Baron	5.1
Midnight	5.1
Princeton	4.9
Excursion	4.6
LSD	0.4

NTEP 2001-2005 SEEDLING VIGOR

1-9, 9=Best

Kenblue	6.8
Mercury	5.9
Shamrock	5.6
Blue Velvet	5.6
Baron	5.5
Midnight	5.3
Diva	4.7
Blue-Tastic	4.3
LSD	0.4

NTEP 2001-2005 DROUGHT TOLERANCE

1-9, 9=Best

Royale	7.7
Diva	6.8
Mercury	6.7
Midnight	6.7
Shamrock	6.3
Blue Ridge	6.0
Kenblue	4.3
Wellington	3.5
LSD	2.0