

CropTalk

The harvesting of annual ryegrasses, tall fescues and orchardgrasses is almost complete. Over 50% of the perennial ryegrass has been harvested. Most crops were close to average, however reports from the northern half of the Willamette Valley indicate below average yields on some of the non-irrigated perennial ryegrass.



Characteristics

If you are looking for a dark slower growing tall fescue with excellent disease resistance, look no further. Out of the newest generation of tall fescues, **Rendition** is emerging as a top-rated variety. A result of selections and synthetic crosses from 22 elite germplasms collected at Rutgers University in Maryland and at the breeder's Oregon research farm **Rendition** has a very dwarf growth habit, excellent turf quality, straight growth form, very dark green color, and improved resistance to rust, stress, pests and disease. Initial trial results are indicating that **Rendition** performs well from Coast to Coast.



You'll really like it!

At independent trials on sod farms in both Fresno, CA and Dayton, OH, Rendition was amongst the very top varieties in both turf quality and color. Rendition is in the latest National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) Trials with published results available by late Spring 2003. *Whether for sod, athletic fields, new lawns, or other professional applications, Rendition is a sure bet!*

1999 Trial - Ohio Sod Farm 2000 Trial Results				2001 Trial - Fresno, CA 2002 Trial Results		
Top 5 Varieties	Color	Texture	2-yr Ave. Quality	Top 5 Varieties	Color	2-yr Ave. Quality
SR8600	7.00	6.50	8.0	Millennium	6.83	6.62
Rendition	6.70	6.30	7.9	Rendition	6.83 *	6.54
Crewcut II	7.00	6.30	7.4	Scorpion	6.50	6.50
Titan Ltd.	6.70	6.30	7.0	Brandy	6.17	6.50
SR8210	6.00	5.70	6.7	Tulsa	6.00	6.46

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MarketWatch

Now that July is behind us, we expect market activity to increase. We are busy shipping and optimistic about good usage this fall. Several cool season grasses became more valuable in July, including red clovers, crimson clover, perennial ryegrass and some fine fescues. Tall Fescue prices are weaker because of more than ample supply of Oregon's crop and the Kentucky-31 crop in the Midwest. There will be lots of tall fescue acres plowed this fall. Annual Ryegrass is not in oversupply and assuming good usage the price should be stable.



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