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Tift 94 Bermudagrass-Available to Qualified Certified Growers in 1997

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Tift 94 is a new cold resistant, finetextured and dense bermudagrass cultivar derived from Midiron by using Cobalt 60 gamma radiation.

It was superior to Midiron in turf quality when mowed at 12.5 or 25 mm height three times per week in replicated tests.

It has performed well in tests conducted by Joel Barber in Stillwater, Okla., A.J. Powell in Lexington, Ky., Joe Kennedy on The Little Course at Aspen Grove in Franklin, Tenn., and Southern Turf Nurseries in Lake Wales, Fla.

Tift 94 has shown high non-preference to mole crickets at Tifton, Ga., and better turf quality ratings and plant color than Tifway under fairway conditions in Tennessee.

Tift 94 is suitable for fairways, tees, athletic fields, lawns and other landscaping uses where fine-textured dense turf is needed.

It is a patented cultivar that is vegetatively propagated and produces no seed.

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