

After the seed harvest A Fall availability outlook

Forecasting anything is treading on dangerous waters. There is particular danger in forecasting an agricultural crop. Just as a superintendent must cope with insects, disease and weather, so must the seed producer. Rust is a big factor in the yield of turfgrass seed crops. Yield is predicted, taking into effect the amount of rust.

The weather can affect the crop in several ways. Rain can delay harvest. If it rains while the seed is swathed on the ground, the rain can beat much of the seed off the stalks and it cannot be picked up. The yield would be significantly reduced from the forecast for the amount of seed standing. As I frequently heard in gathering this infor-

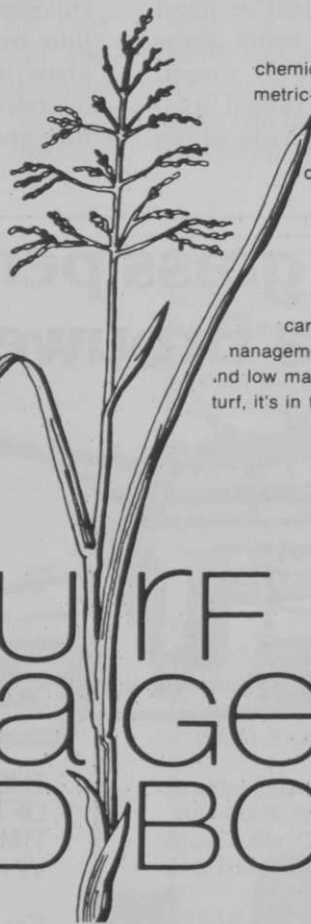
mation, **It's not in the bag yet!**

I have spoken with representatives of seed companies and what follows is their predictions based on the demand for a variety and how much of that variety they believe will be available to meet the demand. While most are in good supply, there are some that will be short. What this means to you is that if you are planning to purchase this variety, you should act promptly.

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Kentucky bluegrass

Adelphi	88%
America	75%
Aquila	75%
A-34 (Bensun)	25%
Banff	10%
Baron	100%
Birka	100%
Bonnieblue	100%
Cheri	100%
Common	100%
Columbia	100%
Eclipse	ltd.
Enmundi	100%
Fylking	100%
Glade	95%
Georgetown	ltd.
Majestic	100%
Merion	100%
Merit	100%
Newport	100%
Nugget	75%
Parade	85%
Park	90%
Pennstar	100%
Ram I	90%
Rugby	60%
Scenic	100%
Shasta	100%
Sydsport	100%
Touchdown	85%
Vantage	ltd.

Fescue

Agram chewings	75%
Alta common tall	100%
Atlanta	100%
Banner	100%
Beaumont meadow	100%
Chewings	100%
Creeping red	100%
Dawson red	75%
Ensylva creeping red	100%
Falcon tall	ltd.
Fortress creeping red	100%
Highlight chewings	100%
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Sabre Poa trivialis	100%

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