

SELECTION AND BREEDING OF SUPERIOR BENTGRASSES

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The USGA research grant has been utilized to support our extensive effort in plant improvement. First year seed production was achieved on about 300 collected bentgrasses and 300 fine fescues. Turf performance of about 120 experimental bentgrasses was monitored. First year commercial release of "Providence" creeping bentgrass occurred and seed was sold to 40-50 New England golf courses and many others nationally. An improved, endophyte-containing, variety of Chewings fescue was released during 1989. Several improved creeping, colonial and velvet bents have been sent to seed companies for possible release.