

- Penneagle Sod
- "Executive" blend bluegrass sod ideal for bluegrass tees
- Fertilizers including PAR-X
- Full line of NK Seed, etc.
- Full line of B & B trees, shrubs & evergreens
- Chemicals, sprayers, spreaders, etc.

All products, including trees, are palletized and fork-lift delivered.

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## WHEN TO TURN TO FESCUE

Fine fescues make great lawngrasses for conditions that are less than ideal. They don't require rich soil, and thrive with little fertilization. No wonder they dominate grass stands on dry habitat under trees, and colonize sandy outcrops not favorable for bluegrasses and perennial ryegrasses. Fine fescues frequently provide long-lasting, economical cover for areas that receive little attention, such as roadsides.

Fescues are at their best during cooler parts of the year. They often become patchy in hot weather, especially on heavy soils of the cornbelt. "Chewings" varieties are handsome dandies, but their spreading is limited. "Spreading" and "creeping" varieties spread more like a bluegrass but are somewhat less dense. All complement bluegrass nicely, and fescues are usually offered in mixture with Kentucky bluegrass. Fescues adapt well farther north than do perennial ryegrasses.

Lawngrass breeders are busy selecting bloodlines of fine fescue these days, especially at Michigan State University. Most of the better cultivars are composites of several strains. Highlight and Koket have been introduced into this country after much acclaim in Europe, while Banner is a similar Chewings composite from 45 Rutgers University clones. Encylva and Ruby are European introductions of the spreading variety, workhorses prized for lawnseed mixtures.

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Robert G. Johnson & Joan L. Johnson with a plaque that was presented to Bob, President of III. Lawn Inc. as the man of the year at the North Central Turfgrass Exposition at Arlington Park Hilton Hotel.

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