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Numbers of Lawngrass Seed Per Pound

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Soil Microbes in Lawngrass Root Zones

The soil is a living, dynamic medium for plant growth because of the microorganisms that live there in close association with lawngrasses. In a good fertile soil, there will be in excess of 900 billion bacteria, fungi, actonomyces and protozoa in each pound. One thousand square feet of lawn will root down into a little less than 50,000 pounds of soil. This amount of soil will contain some 70 pounds of microorganisms. A few of these microorganisms are harmful and will cause diseases in weak turf. The great majority of these organisms are beneficial, such that their persistance should be encouraged.

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