



PUSH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TURF RESEARCH

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texture, its deep-rooting, and drought-tolerant qualities, its freedom from disease and insects, and its ability to provide near-perfect turf throughout the growing season, with the minimum of irrigation. It is highly favored for golf course tees, athletic fields and other places where heavy wear is common and where rapid recovery and healing is of paramount importance. Japanese lawngress has all the qualities of U-3 bermuda grass except the rapid healing. It has one advantage, which is ability to produce seed. Its final place in the turf picture has not been completely determined but it appears as if it will be used on many turf areas where low-cost maintenance is required.

B-27 Bluegrass Tests Favorable

One of the more striking demonstrations was the performance of B-27 bluegrass in comparison with commercial bluegrass. The B-27 bluegrass stands out

as superior in both spring seedings and fall seedings. B-27 bluegrass has thrived under continual mowing with the mowers set at $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch without supplemental irrigation. It is much more resistant to weed-invasion than commercial bluegrass. It looks as if this new bluegrass will give golf courses and home owners, fairway and lawn turf which can be cut closely and still have a good turf. One of the features of B-27 bluegrass is its ability to grow and persist in combination with bermuda grass and Japanese lawngress, giving the turf excellent fall, winter and spring color when these summer-growing grasses are dormant and brown. This study of combinations of warm-season grasses to resist crabgrass and cool-season grasses to give color to the turf has been one of the outstanding contributions of the Green Section to turf throughout the crabgrass belt.