

Bent Placed on the Back Burner

AG DEPARTMENT WANTS MORE DATA ON ROUNDUP READY

CREEPING BENTGRASS BEFORE SIGNING OFF ON IT

Roundup Ready Creeping Bentgrass will be running a little late. The arrival of the first-ever genetically modified bentgrass cultivar, created jointly by The Scotts Co. and Monsanto, has been delayed because the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) asked the two companies for more information about the grass before giving them the go-ahead to produce it commercially. Subsequently, Scotts and Monsanto tem-

porarily withdrew their joint application to have the cultivar approved for commercial sale.

Scotts and Monsanto say they will collect the additional data, provide it to APHIS and resubmit their application. A spokesman for Scotts said the APHIS request was not uncommon in such applications. Scotts and Monsanto had hoped to have Roundup Ready Creeping Bentgrass on the market in 2003. It may be delayed until 2004, though.

Eric Nelson, a senior turfgrass scien-

tist at Scotts, told *Golfdom* earlier this year that Roundup Ready Creeping Bentgrass will be the "most thoroughly studied bentgrass cultivar ever" before it hits the market.

Scotts and Monsanto say that *Poa annua*, *Poa triv* and bermudagrass are difficult to control selectively or suppress in conventional creeping bentgrass without also damaging the bentgrass. "Roundup Ready creeping bentgrass should permit selective control of both grassy and broadleaf weeds without any observable phytotoxic reaction on the bentgrass," according to the companies.

KEY (AVAILABILITY):

A = expected surplus;
B = adequate supply;
C = limited supply.

KEY (PRICE):

H = higher price than last season
S = stable, equal to last season
L = lower prices than last season

Seed Availability Additions

In October, *Golfdom* published a seed availability guide. The following cultivars and marketers were inadvertently left out of the guide. The complete guide is available at www.golfdom.com.

CULTIVAR	MARKETER	AVAILABILITY	PRICE
Kentucky Bluegrass			
Blacksburg II	Turf-Seed	C-	new
Brilliant	Turf-Seed	B	S
Challenger	Turf-Seed	B	S
Midnight II	Turf-Seed	C-	new
Midnight Star	Turf-Seed	C-	new
North Star	Turf-Seed	B	L
Rita	Turf-Seed	B	S
Voyager	Turf-Seed	B	H
Perennial Ryegrass			
Brightstar SLT	Turf-Seed	C	H
Catalina II	Turf-Seed	C-	new
Chaparral II	Turf-Seed	C-	new
Citation Fore	Turf-Seed	C	H
Manhattan 4	Turf-Seed	C-	new
Salinas	Turf-Seed	C-	new
Quick Trans	Turf-Seed	C	H
Tall Fescue			
Apache II	Turf-Seed	B	S
Coronado Gold	Turf-Seed	B	S
Endeavor	Turf-Seed	B	S
Matador	Turf-Seed	B	S
Olympic Gold	Turf-Seed	B	S
Tar Heel	Turf-Seed	B	S
Wolfpack	Turf-Seed	B	S
Fine Fescue			
Aurora	Turf-Seed	C	S
Discovery	Turf-Seed	B	S
Little Bighorn	Turf-Seed	C-	new

CULTIVAR	MARKETER	AVAILABILITY	PRICE
Seabreeze	Turf-Seed	C	H
Shademaster II	Turf-Seed	B	S
Tiffany	Turf-Seed	B	S
Bentgrass			
Alister Colonial	Turf-Seed	C	S
Penn A-2	Tee-2-Green	B	S
Penn A-1	Turf-Seed	B	S
Penn A-4	Turf-Seed	B	S
Penn A-4	Tee-2-Green	B	S
Penn G-2	Tee-2-Green	B	S
Penneagle	Tee-2-Green	B	S
Pennlinks	Turf-Seed	B	S
Pennlinks	Tee-2-Green	B	S
Penntrio	Tee-2-Green	B	H
Seaside II	Turf-Seed	B	S
Bermudagrass			
Savannah	Turf-Seed	B	S
Transcontinental	Turf-Seed	C	H
Princess-77	Pennington Seed	B	S
Mohawk	Pennington Seed	B	S
Sahara	Pennington Seed	B	S
Sultan	Pennington Seed	B	S
Sydney	Pennington Seed	B	S
Yuma	Pennington Seed	B	S
Bermuda Triangle	Pennington Seed	B	S
Royal Blend	Pennington Seed	B	S
Poa Trivialis			
Winterplay	Turf-Seed	B	S
Winterplex	Turf-Seed	B	S