

BENT GRASS SEED

DIRECT FROM THE FIELDS WHERE IT GROWS TO YOU!

For a number of years I have annually harvested better than 3000 acres of Bent Grass and some of the finest turf of this nation has been produced by planting it on putting greens and fairways of golf courses, athletic fields, polo fields, tennis courts, bowling greens, municipal parks and lawns surrounding some of the finest homes of our country.

RHODE ISLAND BENT

Whereas there are some thirty varieties or species, as botanists call them, of the Bent family of grass there are only three or four different kinds that very much is known about in relation to fine turf production. First there is the native grown Rhode Island Bent which was first discovered on this continent here in Southern New England and it was from this smallest state in the Union that it derived its name. For more than a hundred years seed of this grass has been harvested by farmers of Southern New England. Seed of the Rhode Island Bent, or Burden as it is called by the farmers, was for generations always included in the mixture that they sowed on their fields for they were fully aware of its characteristic habit of growth. That is, when it was cut or grazed off by live stock it would rapidly start in to grow and send out an abundance of blades of grass which not only makes a beautiful lawn and excellent putting green but for the farmers produces a wonderful pasture turf.

The native grown variety of Rhode Island Bent should not be confused with the so-called Rhode Island Bent of the trade most of which is either German Mixed Bent or Colonial Bent that comes 'way from New Zealand.

Hundreds of those in charge of golf courses and other areas where they wish a desirable, permanent, winter hardy turf are purchasing the native grown Rhode Island Bent because they have found that it withstands the rigid and variable climate of our northern and eastern states.

I have had a great deal of experience covering many years in furnishing seed for fine turf production throughout the northern tier of states. There is no one variety that is a sure "cure all" in all localities. I always endeavor to furnish those varieties of Bent that from experience have been found to do the best in the locality where the seed is to be used.

NO FIELDS OF BENT ARE HARVESTED BY ME UNLESS THEY RUN 98% OR BETTER AS TO PURITY OF VARIETY.

WHEN YOU PURCHASE SEED DIRECT FROM THE FARMS WHERE IT GROWS YOU ARE NOT ONLY ASSURED OF AN ABSOLUTELY FRESH, VIABLE, WINTER HARDY PRODUCT BUT YOU ARE ALSO ASSURED OF A SEED THAT IS AS TRUE TO NAME AS IT IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO GROW IT.

Boost one of your own American Industries to the extent of purchasing your Bent seed from the American farmer who grows it.

CREEPING BENT

For a number of years Creeping Bent has been very popular as a putting green grass on many of our finest golf courses. The only method of producing a Creeping Bent turf a few years ago was by the laborious, expensive job of planting slips, runners or stolons. One year I sold nearly thirty thousand bushels of this material for the so-called "Vegetative Planting." I noticed that some of the best turf producing varieties of this Creeping Bent produced seed in my nurseries here in this favorable latitude for Bent seed production. The seed, however, carried a low percentage of germination. By careful selection I have gradually gotten large areas into Creeping Bent for seed production and this seed carries a very fair percentage of germination. I am all sold out of seed at the present time but will start in harvesting my new crop the latter part of July. **BY THE FIRST OF AUGUST I WILL BE ABLE TO FILL ORDERS FOR CREEPING BENT SEED THAT I WILL GUARANTEE WILL PRODUCE A CREEPING BENT TURF OF JUST EXACTLY AS FINE COLOR AND TEXTURE—and for at least 1/2 the cost—AS ANYTHING THAT CAN BE PRODUCED BY THE EXPENSIVE, LABORIOUS JOB OF PLANTING SLIPS, RUNNERS OR STOLONS.**

VELVET BENT

Velvet bent is the finest bladed of all the Bent grasses. It makes a beautiful turf of the finest color and texture that when walked upon resembles walking on a velvet carpet. In some localities it seems to be slightly more susceptible to fungus diseases but in localities where it does its best it surely is the "Rolls Royce" of the turf world. I am looking forward to harvesting a very fine crop about the first of August.

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