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# Forecasting the Fall Seed Markets

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PROSPECTS are unusually bright for a heavy program of fall seeding by golf clubs throughout the country. Brisk demand for bents for greens and fescues, bluegrass and redtop for fairways is inevitable. So we feel that a discussion of the market situation is very opportune at this time because the placing of orders early will insure prompt delivery and the best of the crop.

—Editor's Note

## Bentgrass

THIS market will undoubtedly be higher not only because of the proposed duty increase but because the reservoirs of seeds are low even in spite of a light Spring planting (especially in the East).

While the import records show a larger importation of Bent grass seed for the past year over the year before yet a great deal of seed reported as Bent turned out to be wholly or part Redtop and a great many of these parcels were returned or were used in commercial lawngrass mixtures.

It is said on very reliable information that the quantity of true Bentgrass imported into this country during the past season was much smaller than that imported the previous season. A survey has just been completed of the available stocks of South German Mixed Bent remaining in Germany and this survey shows that the carry-over is much below normal in other words, the importation of South German Mixed Bent from now on will be below that of last year.

It is understood that the available supply of Canadian Bent is also low.

The new crop German and Canadian Bents will not reach America in time for Fall seeding.

The importations of the 1929 crop of

New Zealand Bent will begin to arrive within the next month. These we understand will be about normal.

## Kentucky Bluegrass

A MONTH ago it was the opinion of some of the better advised authorities that the Kentucky Bluegrass market would be lower after June 1st.

It is well known that the price of Kentucky Bluegrass is a "stabilized" one and that with the coming of a new large crop, the tendency of the controllers and merchants holding the 1928 crop would be to reduce prices to stimulate consumption. Conditions however have changed greatly in the last month and reports from the principal producing sections of Kentucky and Missouri now leads us to believe that the 1929 crop will not be anywhere near as large as expected.

Had the new Tariff schedule increased the duty on Rough Stalk, Wood Meadowgrass and fescues, it was expected that the controllers of the Kentucky Bluegrass crop would attempt to raise prices above the present levels. It is the present opinion of some of the better advised merchants that the price of Kentucky Bluegrass will this Fall be about the same as existed this past Spring; however, conditions in the producing sections from now on will tell the real tale.

## Redtop

AT THE present time the Redtop market would be considered by wholesale grass seed merchants as an easy one. It is rather peculiar that there is such an indifference toward Redtop. Reservoirs of seed are not large, the prospects of the new crop are not overly good and the present price should be attractive to investors and speculators. Unless there is a pool formed or some attempt made to control this market, fall prices will probably be the same as existed this Spring.