

An overview of NTEP reports

BEFORE PLOWING INTO THE DATA provided by NTEP Progress Reports, turf managers should orient themselves to how the reports are generally organized.

This overview is based on the *National Kentucky Bluegrass Report-1990 (Medium-High Maintenance) 1991 Progress Report*. Reports on other species of turfgrass do vary somewhat, but all the reports are generally orga-

nized in the same way.

After briefly explaining NTEP, the reports list the locations that submitted data and the code used to refer to each location, for example "KY1" means site number 1 in Kentucky.

The reports also provide a list of the cultivar entries and their respective sponsors.

NTEP REPORT CONTENTS

| General subject | Table | Specific subjects |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Test locations and practices | A | Test locations for the year, site descriptions and management practices used. <i>Catagories:</i> Location, Soil texture, Soil pH, Soil Phosphorous lbs./acre), Soil Potassium (lbs./acre), Nitrogen (lbs./1M ft. ²), Sun or shade, Mowing height (inches), Irrigation practiced |
| | B | Locations & data collected by month |
| Quality ratings | 1 | Mean quality ratings of Kentucky Bluegrass cultivars at 17 locations in the United States and Canada. Quality is ranked from one to nine with nine representing ideal turf. This table also indicates which cultivars are currently commercially available. |
| | 2 | Mean quality ratings for each month |
| | 3 | Ranking of mean quality ratings |
| Visual characteristics | 4 | Spring green-up ratings |
| | 5 | Genetic color ratings |
| | 6 | Leaf texture ratings |
| | 7 | Winter color ratings |
| Field growth performance | 8 | Seedling vigor ratings |
| | 9 | Spring density ratings |
| | 10 | Summer density ratings |
| | 11 | Fall density ratings |
| | 12 | Percent living ground cover (Spring) |
| | 13 | Percent living ground cover (Summer) |
| | 14 | Percent living ground cover (Fall) |
| | 15 | Drought tolerance (wilting) |
| | 16 | Drought tolerance (dormancy) |
| | 17 | Drought tolerance (recovery) |
| Disease resistance | 18 | Leaf Spot ratings |
| | 19 | Stem Rust ratings |
| | 20 | Dollar Spot ratings |
| | 21 | Pythium Blight ratings |
| | 22 | Leaf Rust ratings |
| | 23 | Stripe Rust ratings |
| | 24 | Necrotic Ring Spot ratings |
| | | |
| Miscellaneous | 25 | Sod strength ratings |
| | 26 | Poa Annuua ratings |