

## Turf Specialists Recommend Lawn Grass Mixtures

Turf specialists know that each grass variety reacts differently to soil conditions, management and environment. For these reasons they recommend formulations or blends of Kentucky bluegrass varieties for turf adapted to a wide range of conditions. Until now it has been impossible to produce a blend of three Kentucky bluegrass varieties that are compatible in color, texture and beauty. So says Howard Kaerwer, turf agronomist at Northrup, King & Company, Minneapolis, Minn.

With the introduction of Pennstar Kentucky bluegrass, such formulas are now possible, Kaerwer says. Prato Kentucky bluegrass developed in Holland, Fylking Kentucky bluegrass from Sweden and Pennstar Kentucky bluegrass developed by Penn State University are so similar in appearance that it is difficult to tell them apart under normal lawn growing conditions. Yet due to their diverse backgrounds, each reacts as an individual to local conditions. Therefore, it is no longer necessary to establish mixtures of grasses differing in color, texture or leaf-width to gain the benefits to be derived from using formulas of grasses.

Fylking, Prato and Pennstar react differently to disease and insect problems and counteract damage. All three varieties are highly competitive and crowd out weeds. They perform well at short or long mowing heights. They react favorably to mowing heights.

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Proceedings of the First International Turfgrass Research Conference are now available according to Dr. James B. Beard, of Michigan State University, who was chairman of this meeting held in England in 1969. The 610 page Proceedings is organized into subject matter areas covering all phases of turfgrass science and culture. The complete research papers of the participants and the discussion sessions are included. Cost of the Proceedings is \$8.00 per copy including postage in the United States. It can be obtained by writing to: Dr. R. R. Davis, assistant director, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, Ohio 44691. Checks should be made out to the International Turfgrass Society.



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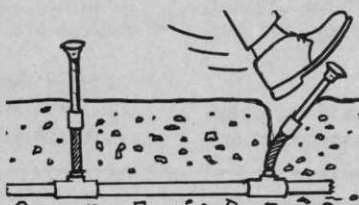
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