

# Top Turfgrass Varieties

## UK's Spindletop Research Farm

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Entries in each of the studies in the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) are evaluated once monthly during the growing season for overall turf quality. In addition, varieties are rated for disease resistance, winter hardiness, drought tolerance and other factors which would influence turf quality. From these ratings, several varieties from current and recently discontinued studies have been chosen as top performers at this location and are listed below. Specific data on all current NTEP tests can be found by viewing the [NTEP](http://www.ntep.org) web page at <http://www.ntep.org>. Cultivars are listed with highest performers at the top left, but the listed cultivars are all good performers and may not be statistically different from the others listed. Also, the newest NTEP tests may not include all of the top performers that are currently available.

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### Tall Fescue\*

**Best Varieties - 2001 NTEP, Data collected for 5 years**  
**(Newest varieties are only now appearing on the market)**

Inferno	Avenger	Coyote II	2nd Millennium
Padre	Greenkeeper WAF	Solara	Biltmore
Justice	Titanium	Fidelity	Focus
Falcon IV	Dynamic	Rebel Execda	Corgi
Rebel IV	Raptor	DaVinci	

**Best Varieties from Previous Tests**  
**(Most are currently available in some markets)**

Rembrandt	Kickoff	Scorpio	Chapel Hill
Masterpiece	Durana	Coyote	Gazelle
Millenium	Barrington	Watchdog	Tarheel
Plantation	Jaguar 3	Arid 3	Dominion
Barrera	Tracer	Shenandoah II	Rebel Sentry

\* Most tall fescues are sold in 3- or 4-way blends. A quality blend should have two or more of these proven cultivars, and should NOT be mixed with other species such as perennial ryegrass and fine fescue.

# Kentucky Bluegrass

**Best Varieties - 2005 NTEP, Data Collected for 3 years  
(Newest varieties are most difficult to find)**

Emblem	Blue Note	Barrister	Shiraz
Midnight	Everglade	Corsair	Award
Bewitched	Everest	NuDensity	Impact
Excursion	NuGlade	Rhythm	Arrowhead
Zinfandel	Prosperity		

**Best Varieties from 2000 NTEP and Previous Tests  
(Most of these are currently available in some markets)**

Blue Velvet	Diva	Apollo	Impact
Tsunami	Midnight II	Rugby II	Total Eclipse
Barrister	Freedom III	Arcadia	Unique
Awesome	Moon Shadow	Quantum Leap	America

# Perennial Ryegrass

**Best Varieties - 2004 NTEP, Data Collected for 4 Years  
(Newest varieties are only now appearing on the market)**

Harrier	DP 1	All*Star 3	Apple GL
Exacta II GLSR	Line Drive GLS	SR 4600	Amazing GS
Fiesta 4	Silver Dollar	Panther GLS	Transformer
Phenom	Dasher 3	Secretariat II GLSR	Manhattan 5 GLSR
Grand Slam 2	Hawkeye 2	Paragon GLR	Charismatic II GLSR
Homerun	1G Squared		

**Best Varieties from 1999 NTEP and Previous Tests  
(Most are currently available)**

Citation Fore	Stellar	All Star 2	Sunkissed
SR 4420	Applaud	Gator 3	Inspire
Grand Slam	DR 4220	Brightstar SLT	Kokomo
Pizzazz	Radiant	Gallery	Blazer IV
Manhattan 4	Cabo	Amazing	Nexus

# Fine Fescues

## Best Varieties - 1998 NTEP

Ambassador (ch)	Longfellow II (ch)	Oxford (hd)	Reliant II (hd)
Ambrose (ch)	Amberdeen (stc)	Shadow II (ch)	Jamestown II (ch)
Jasper II (stc)	Cindy Lou (stc)	Viking (hd)	Scaldis II (hd)
Intrigue (ch)	Navigator (stc)	Treazure (ch)	Common (stc)

## Best Varieties from Previous Tests

Jasper II (stc)	Pathfinder (stc)	Magic (ch)	Shademaster II (stc)
Longfellow II (ch)	Florentine (stc)	Oxford (hd)	Tiffany (ch)
Ambassador (ch)	Shadow II (ch)	Treazure (ch)	Navigator
Intrigue (ch)	Brittany III (ch)	Culombra (ch)	Cindy Lou

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# Bentgrass - Fairway

## Best Varieties - 2003 NTEP, 5 Years of Collected Data

LS-44	L-93	Shark
Pennlinks II	Kingpin	Alpha
Crystal BlueLinks	Authority	Bengal
T-1	SR 1119	Princeville
Penneagle II	SR 1150	

# Bentgrass - Greens

## Best Varieties - 2003 NTEP, 5 Years of Collected Data

Memorial	Cobra 2	Penn A-1
Declaration	Pennlinks II	Authority
Benchmark DSR	CY-2	007 (DSB)
Kingpin		

# Bermudagrass

## Best Varieties - 2002 NTEP, 5 Years of Collected Data

Vegetative Cultivars	Seeded Cultivars
Premier	Riviera
Patriot	Barbados
Aussie Green	Sovereign
Tifway	Contessa
Celebration	Yukon
Tift No. 3	Transcontinental
Tifsport	Veracruz
GN-1	
Midlawn	
MS-Choice	

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# Zoysia

## Best Varieties - 2002 NTEP, 5 Years of Collected Data

Vegetative Cultivars	Seeded Cultivars
Meyer	Zenith
Zorro	Chinese Common
Himeno	Compadre
GN-Z	
Emerald	