

Top Turfgrass Varieties

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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 [Research Summaries](#) page on the UK Turf Web (<http://www.uky.edu/ag/ukturf>) and all national data on the [NTEP](#) web page (<http://www.ntep.org>).

Tall Fescue

Best Varieties - 2001 NTEP (Newest varieties are only now appearing on the market)

Padre	2nd Millennium	Biltmore	Rendition
Falcon IV	DaVinci	Magellan	Ultimate
Inferno	Titanium	Raptor	Focus
Justice	Dynamic	Fidelity	Guardian-21
Avenger	Cayenne	Kalahari	Rebel Exeda

Best Varieties from Previous Tests (Most are currently available)

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

Kentucky Bluegrass

Best Varieties - 2000 NTEP
(Newest varieties are only now appearing on the market)

Blue Velvet	Diva	Courtyard	*Quantum Leap
Nu Destiny	Midnight II	Blackstone	*Impact
Tsunami	Freedom III	*Rugby II	Liberator
Barrister	Moon Shadow	*Arcadia	Moonlight
Awesome	*Apollo	Everglade	Bluestone
* These varieties also appear on Previous Tests List below			

Best Varieties from Previous Tests
(Most are currently available)

Total Eclipse	Award	Showcase	Arcadia
Midnight	Impact	Brilliant	Eclipse
NuGlade	Odyssey	America	Fortuna
Quantum Leap	Rugby II	Glade	Apollo
Liberator	Unique	Jefferson	Explorer

Perennial Ryegrass

Best Varieties - 1999 NTEP
(Newest varieties are only now appearing on the market)

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
* These varieties also appear on Previous Tests List below			

Best Varieties from Previous Tests
(Most are currently available)

Repell III	Pennant II	Brightstar II	Wind Dancer
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Fine Fescues

Best Varieties - 1998 NTEP
(Newest varieties are only now appearing on the market)

*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)	*Treasure (ch)	Common (stc)
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Best Varieties from Previous Tests
(Most are currently available)

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

Bentgrass - Fairway

L-93	Penn G-6	Tiger	SR 1119
Trueline	Princeville	Golf Star	Penneagle

Bentgrass - Greens

Penn A-4	Penn G-6	Century
Penn A-1	SR 1119	Backspin
L-93	Penn G-1	Grand Prix

Bermudagrass

Best Varieties - 2002 NTEP

Vegetative Cultivars	Seeded Cultivars
Aussie Green	*Riviera
Celebration	Sunbird
Patriot	Transcontinental
GN-1	*Yukon
Tift No. 3	
MS-Choice	
*Midlawn	
*Tifway	
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Best Varieties from Previous Tests

Vegetative Cultivars	Seeded Cultivars
Tifsport	Riveria
Tifway	Princess
Midlawn	Panama
Shanghai	Majestic
Quickstand	Savannah
	Yukon

Zoysia

Best Varieties - 2002 NTEP

Vegetative Cultivars	Seeded Cultivars
*Meyer	*Zenith
Zorro	J-37
Emerald	Chinese Common
Himeno	Companion
GN-2	
* These varieties have also appeared on previous lists	