

Kentucky Bluegrass Classification

This chart is for general observation only. Individual performance of varieties within each classification may vary widely and require comparative regional test results to determine the best performing variety or blends.

Type	General Description	SRO Recommendations	Other Varieties		
Compact America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low, compact, high quality turf • Finer leaf, higher density • Moderate winter dormancy • Moderate summer recovery • High Summer Patch resistance • Resistant to Powdery Mildew • Good in shade 	SR 2284 – Very drought tolerant, early spring green-up, heat resistant	Argos*** America* Apollo Armada* Arrow Barnique Baroness Bedazzled BlueNote BlueMax BlueRidge Bluetastic	Boutique Brilliant Casablanca Delight Dynamo Diva Empire Glenmont Goldstar Keeneland** Langara* MacMillan*	Mallard Mercury* Moonlight Monte Carlo Rhapsody** Royce Royale Shiraz Showcase*** Sonoma Unique
Compact Midnight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low, compact growth • Very dark green color • Late spring green-up • Good heat tolerance • Susceptible to Powdery Mildew • Variable resistance to Summer Patch • Long winter dormancy • Many susceptible to Stem and Leaf Rust 	ARCADIA – Excellent seedling salt tolerance, high sod strength, high wear tolerance QUANTUM LEAP – High drought tolerance, high performance all maintenance levels, exceptional sod strength GRANITE – Dense, fine leaves, high resistance to Summer Patch, good winter color	Award Absolute Awesome Bannister Beyond Blue Stone Blue Velvet* Chicago II Courtyard Everest Everglade	Excursion Explorer* Freedom III Front Page 4-Seasons Ginney Impact Liberator Midnight Midnight II Midnight Star	NuDestiny NuGlade Perfection Odyssey Rugby II Rhythm** Skye Total Eclipse Tsunami
Compact Mid-Atlantic (Aggressive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep, extensive roots and rhizomes • Vigorous turf • Medium-high density • High summer stress tolerance • Early spring green-up • Good winter performance • Rapid recovery from disease 	TOUCHÉ – Very high density, excellent drought resistance, excellent wear tolerance	Appalachian Aura Cabernet Livingston Preakness Right Starburst*** Zinfandel		
Compact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low, compact growth • High quality turf • 1/2 inch cutting height • Excellent resistance to Leaf Spot • Long winter dormancy • Variable under summer stress • Often purple winter color 		Ascot Baronie Blacksburg II Blackstone Blue Sapphire Bravado Cadet	Hallmark Hampton Moonshadow Wildwood	
Compact P-105 Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggressive lateral growth • High shoot density • Very wear tolerant • Quickly knit sod and repair • May predominate in blend 		A-34 Champlain Emblem*** Jefferson P-105	Touchdown Washington	
Shamrock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate winter color • Good resistance to Leaf Spot • Good turf quality • Very good sod strength • Billbug susceptible • Less stemmy than BVMG • Strong rhizome development • Summer performance variable 	SR 2100 – Rapid germination, high sod strength, year-round bright green color and growth, high summer performance FIELDER – Excellent winter color and early spring green-up, excellent traffic tolerance, rapid establishment, superior summer performance	Brooklawn Champagne Champlain Durham Gaelic Katie** Lakeshore	Mongoose Moonshine Parkland Shamrock Volt Wildhorse	

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Julia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High turf quality • High density • Good summer performance • Very high wear tolerance • Good Leaf Spot and Stripe Smut resistance • Generally susceptible to Brown Patch and Dollar Spot 		Bariris Baritone Caliber Ikone Julia Rampart***		
Texas x Kentucky Hybrids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrids between Texas and Kentucky Bluegrasses • Heat tolerant • Extensive rhizomes • Drought tolerant with good recovery • Wear tolerant • Variable based on KBG parent 	SPITFIRE – Very dark green, quick establishment, high turf quality, excellent year-round performance, great with turf-type tall fescues BANDERA – Shade or sun, good salt tolerance, deep rhizomes	Armadillo Dura Blue Fahrenheit 90 Fire and Ice Longhorn	Reveille Solar Green ThermalBlue Thermal Blue Blaze	
BVMG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium–good turf • Stripe Smut susceptible • Medium low growth • Medium texture • Very stemmy turf • Poor winter performance • Resistant to Leaf Spot • Billbug susceptible 		Abbey Baron Baronette Bartitia BlueChip BlueStar Cannon*** Corsair	Crest* Denim Dragon Envicta Evora** Fortuna** Gnome Goldrush	Merit Misty Raven Victa
Limousine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High density • Fine textured • Light green • Wear tolerant 		Freedom II Julius Limousine Rush	Sombrero** Harmony**	
Sydsport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good turf quality • Medium low growth, density and leaf width • Good resistance to Stripe Smut • Moderate resistance to Leaf Spot • Less stemmy than BVMG types • Moderate winter dormancy • Good sod strength 		Chateau Coventry Fairfax Lily Serene Sydsport		
Eurasian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable in many characteristics • Less stress tolerant • Many high density • Rust resistant • Medium light-green color 		Balin** Barzan Boomerang Bodacious Blueknight Chelsea	Limerick Northstar Orfeo***	
Eurasian Midwest (Common)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midwest ecotypes • Erect growth and narrow leaf blades • High water use • Dormant during summer • High Leaf Spot susceptibility • Poor winter color and performance • Stemmy early spring • Good for soil stabilization and conservation 	<i>Kenblue</i> <i>Park</i> <i>Geronimo</i> <i>Newport</i>	Alene Arc Argyle Blue Angel Cache Eagleton Ginger Greenly Huntsville	Jewell Moonstruck Piedmont Rhonde Voyager Wellington	

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