

It's Time to Set the Record Straight



Don't Get Caught Planting Your Next Problem . . .

Are you confused! OREGON CERTIFIED BLUE TAG seed is not guaranteed to be crop- and weed-free. That blue tag sewn to your bag of seed is a statement of *genetic purity only*. Yes, certification has specific seed quality requirements. But did you know that weed seeds like *Poa trivialis* and *Poa annua* are allowed in certified seed? That's why Seed Research of Oregon introduced the Poa-Free seed tag for ryegrass. Our bentgrass is also available Poa-Free but it is labeled Greens-Quality bentgrass.

When you order Poa-Free seed with our No-Poa tag you are buying seed that is grown on the very cleanest acres in Oregon, by experienced, professional growers, and tested as Poa-Free using Oregon State standards for noxious weed exams. Additionally for Greens-Quality bentgrass we limit lot sizes to 10,000 pounds so more seed is examined.

Every Seed Research of Oregon variety, mixture and blend is available in Poa-Free quality but we only feature the tag on our perennial ryegrass blends. We wholeheartedly believe in the OREGON CERTIFIED program, and continue to support their efforts. But if you expect more from a bag of grass seed, you need to ask for it. Seed test results are always available to confirm the purity of a seed lot.

Ask for Seed Research of Oregon's Poa-Free seed tags when you order your next seed shipment. Look for the Poa-Free tags on: Magnum®Gold, Champion®GQ, and Playmate Gold perennial ryegrass blends.

Tyee, 007, MacKenzie, SR 1150, Sandhill, Brighton, SR 1119, SR 1020, and Providence (SR 1019) creeping bentgrasses; Dominant X-treme 7, Dominant X-treme, Dominant Southern, Dominant Plus, Dominant and Royal Links creeping bentgrass blends; and SR 7200 velvet bentgrass are available Poa-Free as "Greens-Quality."

* Because of these higher standards, supplies may sometimes be limited.

Can you afford the Cost of Poa?

No one wants weeds with their seed purchase. But did you know that even with the blue tag certification on a bag of seed, you may still be buying annual bluegrass? For a few pennies more per pound, **can you afford NOT to buy the cleanest seed available?**

Oregon blue tag certification allows for one annual bluegrass seed per 5-gram noxious weed examination sample. In a 55,000-pound lot, that one seed equals 5,000,000 *Poa* seeds per lot, this could be nearly 2,300 seeds per 25-pound pail or 4,546 seeds per bag of ryegrass.

1 seed/50g sample	x	453.6g/lb	x	55,000 lbs/lot	=	5,000,000 seeds/lot
5,000,000 seeds/55,000 lb lot	x	25 lbs/pail	=	2,273seeds/pail		
5,000,000 seeds/55,000 lb lot	x	50 lbs/bag	=	4,546seeds/bag		

Why would you knowingly plant so much new *Poa annua* seed when you are already spending an enormous amount of time and money trying to prevent and control the *Poa annua* you already have? If you're growing-in or managing a new course, does your first year's budget include herbicides and growth regulators?

Do the Math

An initial investment of \$0.05/lb. for Poa-free perennial ryegrass or an initial investment of \$0.50/lb. for Poa-free creeping bentgrass saves money.

Champion GQ	350 lbs./acre	X	30 acres of fairways	X	\$0.05/lb.	=	\$525.00
Dominant Plus	65 lbs./acre	X	30 acres of fairways	X	\$0.50/lb.	=	\$975.00

Or you could spend thousands more for chemical control

We produce the cleanest seed in the industry, bar none. Our smaller lot sizes, larger test samples and zero tolerances assure you of the highest mechanical purity available. The No-Poa tag is only available from Seed Research of Oregon. Ask for it with your next seed purchase.



Did you know that most seed farms use ethofumesate to control Poa annua in their production fields? Did you also know that many of these Poa annua biotypes are now Progress resistant?