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## Market Update

Harvest has been slowed in the Willamette Valley by a persistent cloud cover that arrives every night and lingers well into the afternoon, shortening the combining time and acreage harvested each day. More typical dryer weather is forecast for later this week and we look forward to a return to normal for the perennial ryegrass harvest.

### Tall Fescue Lab Results

Lab test results are beginning to come in on some tall fescues; a sure sign that the fall planting window is approaching. Negotiations with the OGSBA group have concluded, for fall shipments. The tall fescue yield is off about 10% from earlier estimates and prices are up accordingly.

### Perennial Ryegrasses

Perennial ryegrasses are just starting to come in. As noted above, drying time in the field has been extended by cloud cover, keeping the swathes too damp to combine. Early field run yields in Oregon are slightly lighter than normal. Canadian production is earlier this year due to heat and drought and yields appear normal.

### Kentucky Bluegrass

Kentucky bluegrass harvest is in process, which are slightly below average yields. Production acreage is under extreme pressure from alternative crops and farm-gate prices for the 2013 crop are eye-opening for sure.



### Fine Fescue

Fine fescue harvest has started, with some early varieties combined and cleaning started. Yields are fair to average and the market pricing has increased as these species come more in line between supply and demand.

### Bentgrass

Harvest, still over a month away from being combined, has seen yield estimates drop in recent weeks due to prolonged poor weather conditions. Many of the older varieties will be ploughed out this fall due to quality and/or yield concerns. Current stocks of Dominant Extreme 7, Tyee (Red Coat) and 007 (Red Coat) are limited, but there is some seed available to ship. New crop bentgrass seed will not be ready to ship until mid-to-late September.

**DOMINANT X-TREME 7**

CREeping BENTGRASS BLEND

**TYEE**

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**007**

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### Servicing Your Business

Our Sales and Production Team looks forward to a great year servicing your business. **Place your orders now and secure a spot in the fall production and shipping plan.** The heat and drought will eventually come to an end in most of North America and the damage from the brutal summer will need repairing. Seed Research of Oregon is ready to rock.