

Features

- High levels of rhizome expression
- Superior turf throughout the year
- Outstanding stress tolerance
- Top rated for overall disease resistance
- High level of beneficial endophyte
- Drought and heat tolerant

Benefits

- Rapidly established fine textured, semi-dwarf turf
- Excellent Brown Patch & Leaf Spot resistance
- High turf quality
- Widely adapted variety
- Superior wear resistance
- Fast recovery from damage
- Insect and pest resistant

Seeding Rates

- New turf: 8-10 pounds per 1,000 square feet, or 350-400 pounds per acre
- Overseed rate: 6-8 pounds per 1,000 square feet, or 250-350 pounds per acre
- Seeds per pound: Approximately 220,000

Grande – The Original Turf-Type Tall Fescue with Beneficial Rhizome Levels.

Grande brought turf-type tall fescues to a new level. Developed from plants selected in the Southeast and transition regions of the United States, **Grande** withstands stress better than most turf-type tall fescues. Unlike most tall fescues, **Grande** exhibits high levels of rhizome expression, resulting in better regeneration and growth from wear and tear damage.



Grande is endophyte-enhanced, giving it natural resistance to many surface feeding insect such as sod webworms, billbugs, chinch bugs, aphids, and armyworms. The presence of high levels of endophyte also makes each **Grande** plant much stronger than tall fescues without endophyte. Thus **Grande** has the ability to withstand disease and other environmental pressures with less chemical input.

Characteristics

Grande's tolerance to Brown Patch, Leaf Spot and drought results in a superior, dark green turf which maintains density from early Spring through late Fall. Environmentally friendly, **Grande** with its rich, thick durable turf is the ideal selection for turfgrass professionals, sod growers, and homeowners.

Sod growers using **Grande** in their mixtures report harvesting much sooner as the rhizomes help to knit the turf together earlier for stronger sod.

Unlike tall fescue varieties that do not have rhizomes, **Grande** will fill in bare spots quicker, making it an ideal choice for low maintenance sports fields and golf course roughs.

Establishment

- Germination in 7-10 days under ideal conditions
- First mowing in 21-30 days
- First limited use in 60-75 days



Turfgrass Quality Ratings of Tall Fescue Cultivars
1999 Interim Test – Blacksburg, VA
2001 Data Set

Quality Rating 1-9; 9=Ideal Turf

Variety	Mean	SR 8600	6.8	Barlexas	6.5	Titan Ltd (SRXM094)	6.3
Rebel Jr.	6.9	Mustang 3	6.7	Millennium	6.6	Total	6.1
Grande	6.8	Rembrandt	6.7	Rendition (SRX8V9)	6.6	LSD Value	0.3

Brown Patch Ratings of Tall Fescue Cultivars
Blacksburg, VA
2000–2003 Data Set

Brown Patch Rating 1-9; 9=Least Disease

Variety	Mean	Houndog 5	5.4	Mustang 3	5.1	Masterpiece	4.3
Rembrandt	5.8	Rebel Jr.	5.4	Rendition (SRX8V9)	4.9	LSD Value	0.9
Grande	5.7	Barlexas	5.2	Plantation	4.7		

High Stress, Unirrigated, Acid Soils Trial
Griffin, GA
1993-1995 Data Set

Turfgrass Quality Rating 1-9; 9=Ideal Turf

Variety	Mean	Southern Choice	3.2	Apache II	2.8	Barlexas	1.7
Grande	3.8	Rebel Jr.	3.0	Jaquar 3	2.6	LSD Value	0.9
Coronado	3.7	Shortstop II	3.0	Houndog 5	2.5		

To determine whether a cultivar's performance is different from another, subtract one entry's mean from another entry's mean. If this value is larger than the LSD value, the observed difference in cultivar performance is significant and did not happen by chance. Complete tables are available upon request.

What the Experts Say!

“Grande exhibits quick establishment resulting in high density turf. This allows us to harvest our sod 15-20% sooner than with other varieties. Grande maintains a deep green color with less nitrogen input than other varieties we have used.”

— Neill Stone, River City Turf in Walnut Grove, CA

“We're extremely happy with Grande Tall Fescue. Because of the rhizomes, we are able to harvest in three months rather than the four+ months it has taken with other varieties. We have noted that open areas the size of a softball will fill in quickly without overseeding. We do use netting with Grande, but in areas where the netting has been damaged or pushed up, we are able to wait a couple of weeks and harvest the sod. With other varieties, these areas have been lost.”

—Lenn Franks, Sweetwater Turf in Sweetwater, TN

“Grande emerges and fills in quickly at the time of seeding. Along with its vigorous growth characteristics and positive cosmetic attributes, it also handles the varying weather patterns that we have in the transitional zone. Since I started using Grande in my fescue blend, I have increased the Grande percentage from 33-50% and feel that my customers and I are better for it.”

— Brian Pine, Pine Family Farms in Kansas City, MO