

# **2010 GEORGIA CERTIFIED TURFGRASS DIRECTORY**

## **GEORGIA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**2425 South Milledge Avenue  
Athens, Georgia 30605**

Dear Consumers:

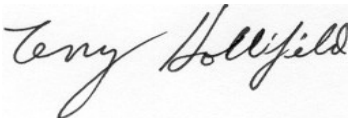
Let me take this opportunity to acquaint you with the Georgia Crop Improvement Association. We are a non-profit organization, operating as an agent for the University of Georgia. Our Turfgrass members produce “blue tag” certified grass. This grass is field inspected at least three times yearly by trained inspectors. Each inspector is trained to recognize off-type plants, other crops, noxious and objectionable weeds, which can create unsightly and costly problems in turf.

The Georgia Crop Improvement Association inspection program ensures that your turfgrass was grown and inspected under a rigorous set of guidelines designed to promote on-going varietal purity and uniformity. The Georgia Department of Agriculture’s “certificate” should not be confused with the GCIA certified “blue certificate”. The Georgia Department of Agriculture issues a certificate for “apparent freedom” from insects, diseases, or other pests.

Many landscape architects specify Georgia certified “blue tag” turfgrass on their projects. Do not be confused by the two types of certification. When ordering grass or writing contracts for bids, specify Georgia Crop Improvement Association “blue tag” certified grass. The blue certificate assures you that the grass provided by your grower was subject to a rigorous set of inspection criteria designed to promote high quality, true to variety, noxious and weed free turfgrass.

Enclosed is a list of certified turfgrass growers in Georgia. You may contact them directly for quotations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Hollifield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Terry Hollifield  
Executive Director

The Georgia Crop Improvement Association is an organization of farmers and others who are interested in growing and making available to the public, through certification, high quality seeds and propagating materials of superior varieties so grown and distributed as to promote varietal purity and identity. The Georgia Crop Improvement Association was organized in 1946, and made the legal certifying agency by passage of House Bill #104 in 1956. This bill was superseded by Senate Bill #583 in July of 1997. Both bills authorized the Dean of the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences to designate the Georgia Crop Improvement Association as the legal certifying agency in Georgia.

The acreage listed in this directory was grown by members of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association and is based on acres for which the grower applied.

Five reasons for planting GEORGIA CERTIFIED TURF GRASS:

1. Inspected to promote true variety and type.
2. No noxious weeds observed in mature sod.
3. Are grown under rigid specifications and are field inspected by trained inspectors.
4. Are the standard of excellence.
5. Are the highest quality sod available for that special landscape where only the finest will do.


Address all correspondence pertaining to certification to:

Georgia Crop Improvement Association, Inc.  
2425 South Milledge Avenue  
Athens, Georgia 30605  
Phone: 706-542-2351  
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Terry Hollifield, Executive Director

**The certification process is limited to inspections that verify easily observable phenotypic characteristics of a variety as described by the originator of a variety and when applicable adhere to published seed quality standards.**

## *NOTICE*

Below is an example of the certification certificate issued with each shipment of certified turfgrass. These certificates are numbered, and will allow GCIA to have better control over tracking of shipments, answering complaints, etc. Most other southern states use a similar certificate. You will note that much of our literature still refers to the “blue tag” and will continue to do so, as this is a term associated with high quality grass. In all instances the term “blue tag” and the certificate are synonymous.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GEORGIA CERTIFIED TURFGRASS</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="font-size: 8px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Certification Warranty Disclaimer</p> <p>The grass this certificate represents was produced in accordance with the published standards of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association, Inc. (the "GCIA"). The GCIA makes no warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, including merchantability, or fitness for purpose. The grower whose name appears on this certificate is solely responsible for the information thereon and for the proper use of this certificate.</p> </div> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GCIA CERTIFIED TURFGRASS</b></p> </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 10px;">Georgia Crop Improvement Association, Inc. 2425 South Milledge Avenue Athens, GA 30606-1639 Phone 706-542-2351 Fax 706-542-9397</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 10px;">Certificate Number: _____</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">This grass was grown in accordance with a program designed to promote purity by adherence to published standards.<sup>1</sup></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">This certificate must be completed and attached to each bill of lading or invoice representing certified sprigs and produced in accordance with the Georgia Crop Improvement Association rules and regulations for production of vegetatively propagated certified turfgrass or bermuda grass.</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">I certify the information provided is true and meets the Georgia Crop Improvement Association requirements for vegetatively propagated turfgrass certification.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px;">Authorized Representative of Grower: _____</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Copies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original to Buyer (with each delivery)</li> <li>Pink to GCIA Office (at delivery)</li> <li>Yellow retained by Grower</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><sup>1</sup> The GCIA Vegetatively Propagated Turfgrass Certification Standards are available upon request.</p>
<p>Kind: _____</p> <p>Variety: _____</p> <p>Quantity: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Sprigs: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Sod: _____</p> <p>Billing Invoice: _____</p> <p>Field #: _____</p> <p>Harvest Date: _____</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 10px;">MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL SEED CERTIFYING AGENCIES</p> </div>

## ***SELECTING THE CORRECT GRASS VARIETY***

Currently there are several varieties of turfgrasses offered to consumers. Each variety has a unique characteristic that allows the variety to perform better under certain conditions. Some varieties have better shade tolerance, cold tolerance, salt tolerance, insect resistance, better wear ability, mowing height tolerance, etc. Variety contamination by common and other turf type grasses, weeds and other crops compromise a variety's unique qualities. Selecting the proper variety for your management and location may be the most important decision you make relating to the success of a project.

We offer the following to help you in this important decision:

### **COOL SEASON GRASSES**

Cool season grasses grow best between 60° and 75° F and are susceptible to injury during the summer. However, cool season grasses such as fescue, are green year-round, an attribute favored by many consumers.

#### **Tall Fescue**

Certified seed and certified sod are available. Tall fescue is a perennial bunch type grass that grows rapidly and requires frequent mowing in the spring and fall. Tall Fescue is primarily grown north of the fall line. Most of the new varieties sold are of the "turf" type. Fescue lawns tend to not persist and need to be re-planted frequently. Tall Fescue is primarily used for home lawns.

#### **Ryegrass**

Certified seed is available. Ryegrass is used primarily as a temporary winter cover or to overseed existing Bermuda lawns.

### **WARM SEASON GRASSES**

Warm season grasses grow best during the summer months. However, they become dormant in the winter. Warm season grasses are used for home lawns, athletic fields, golf courses, etc.

#### **Bermuda grasses**

All Bermudas perform well in hot weather, are dormant during winter months, and do poorly in the shade. Bermudas spread by both above ground and below ground runners. Bermudas are adapted across the state. Common species require frequent mowing, but the hybrids are developed for less frequent mowing. Bermudas are very hardy surviving a wide range of temperatures, soil types and fertility. The most frequently used Bermuda grass varieties are listed in this publication with a brief description and supplier.

### **Carpet grass**

Carpet grass is a perennial, coarse leaved, creeping grass that grows in central and southern Georgia. Recommended only for home lawns on wet, low fertility, acid sandy soils. Certified material not available.

### **Centipede grass**

Centipede grass is a slow growing, but aggressive grass that produces a desirable weed free lawn. It is more shade tolerant than Bermuda grass. Centipede grass is used primarily for home lawns. It produces above ground runners. Common centipede does not perform well in north Georgia, however a new variety, TifBlair does excellent in North Georgia. Certified seed and sod of this new variety are available.

### **Zoysia grasses**

This publication lists several varieties of this grass. Zoysia grasses are adapted for the entire state and used on golf courses and home lawns. Depending on the variety, leaf width may be as wide as a forage fescue or as narrow as ryegrass.

### **St. Augustine**

Used mostly as home lawns and in the southern part of the state. St. Augustine is the most shade tolerant of the warm season grasses.

### **Paspalum**

The current paspalum offered to consumers is a specialty grass primarily intended to be used at sites that have poor water quality, especially where the irrigation water is high in salt. Paspalums provide a good dense turf ideal for golf courses, home lawns, and athletic fields. Herbicides available for grass and weed control are limited.

### ***NEED TURFGRASS INFORMATION?***

The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service County Agents are an excellent source of information. They are knowledgeable in selecting, establishing and maintaining turfgrass lawns and athletic fields. Check your phone book for your local agents' phone number and location.

Publications of interest available from your local county agent:

- *Bulletin No.773, "Lawns in Georgia"*
- *Leaflet No. 354, "Tall Fescue Lawn Management"*
- *Leaflet No. 313, "Centipede Lawns"*
- *Leaflet No. 177, "Prevent Centipede Decline"*
- *Bulletin No. 710, "Fertilization for Lawns"*
- *Bulletin No. 978, "Weed Control in Home Lawns"*

## Summary

<u>Variety</u>	<u>No. of Growers</u>	<u># of Acres</u>
<b><i>Bermuda:</i></b>		
Celebration (Certified-Blue Certificate)	3	92.00
Celebration (Registered-Purple Certificate)	3	15.00
Mini Verde (Certified-Blue Certificate)	2	12.00
Mini Verde (Foundation-White Certificate)	1	0.50
Patriot (Certified-Blue Certificate)	1	40.66
Patriot (Registered-Purple Certificate)	1	2.00
Tifdwarf (Certified - Blue Certificate)	2	23.00
Tifdwarf (Registered-Purple Certificate)	4	5.50
Tifdwarf (Foundation-White Certificate)	1	0.25
TifEagle (Certified – Blue Certificate)	1	27.00
TifEagle (Foundation-White Certificate)	1	0.25
TifGrand (Certified-Blue Certificate)	3	53.00
TifGrand (Foundation-White Certificate)	1	15.00
TifGrand (Registered-Purple Certificate)	4	50.00
TifSport (Certified - Blue Certificate)	6	549.47
TifSport (Foundation-White Certificate)	1	4.25
TifSport (Registered-Purple Certificate)	1	4.25
Tifton 10 (Certified - Blue Certificate)	1	102.80
Tifton 10 (Registered-Purple Certificate)	2	16.22
Tifway (Certified - Blue Certificate)	31	4057.01
Tifway (Foundation – White Certificate)	1	7.80
Tifway (Registered – Purple Certificate)	7	31.20
Tifway II (Certified – Blue Certificate)	1	5.00
<b><i>Centipede:</i></b>		
TifBlair (Certified – Blue Certificate)	5	2187.59
TifBlair (Foundation – White Certificate)	2	10.68
TifBlair (Registered – Purple Certificate)	2	59.67
<b><i>Paspalum:</i></b>		
Platinum TE (Certified-Blue Certificate)	2	79.00
Platinum TE (Foundation-White Certificate)	1	3.00
Platinum TE (Registered-Purple Certificate)	1	10.00
Sea Dwarf (Certified – Blue Certificate)	2	50.00
Sea Dwarf (Registered – Purple Certificate)	1	10.00
Sea Isle 2000 (Certified – Blue Certificate)	2	11.00
Sea Isle 2000 (Foundation – White Certificate)	1	1.25
Sea Isle I (Certified - Blue Certificate)	2	66.00
Sea Isle I (Foundation – White Certificate)	1	5.00
Sea Isle Supreme (Certified-Blue Certif.)	2	200.00
Sea Isle Supreme (Foundation-White Certif.)	1	20.00

<u>Variety</u>		<u>No. of Growers</u>	<u># of Acres</u>
<b>Zoysia:</b>			
Compadre	(Certified - Blue Certificate)	1	105.00
Compadre	(Registered-Purple Certificate)	1	20.00
El Toro	(Registered - Purple Certificate)	1	1.25
Emerald	(Certified - Blue Certificate)	1	100.00
Emerald	(Registered – Purple Certificate)	1	1.00
Empire	(Certified – Blue Certificate)	3	104.50
Empire	(Registered - Purple Certificate)	1	6.00
JaMur	(Certified – Blue Certificate)	6	270.88
JaMur	(Foundation – White Certificate)	1	13.12
JaMur	(Registered – Purple Certificate)	4	10.72
Meyer	(Certified – Blue Certificate)	4	106.68
Meyer	(Foundation – White Certificate)	1	3.00
Meyer	(Registered – Purple Certificate)	3	9.50
Palisades	(Certified – Blue Certificate)	3	59.80
Royal	(Registered-Purple Certificate)	1	10.00
Zenith	(Certified – Blue Certificate)	1	30.00
Zeon	(Certified – Blue Certificate)	4	365.23
Zeon	(Foundation – White Certificate)	1	12.38
Zeon	(Registered – Purple Certificate)	5	23.83
Zorro	(Certified – Blue Certificate)	1	33.00
Zorro	(Registered-Purple Certificate)	1	5.00
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,118.24</b>

## **BERMUDA**

### **Turf Grass - Celebration**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Iron Oak Turf Farms	20.00	C
Iron Oak Turf Farms	3.50	R
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	27.00	C
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	1.50	R
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	45.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	10.00	R

### **Turf Grass – Mini Verde**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	2.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	10.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	0.50	F

### **Turf Grass – Patriot**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	40.66	C
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	2.00	R

### **Turf Grass - Tifdwarf**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Georgia Seed Development Commission	0.25	F
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	9.00	C
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	1.00	R
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	14.00	C
Southern Turf Nurseries, Inc.	3.00	R
Superior Turf, Inc.	1.00	R
Tifton Turf Farms, Inc.	0.50	R

### **Turfgrass – TifEagle**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	27.00	C

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### **Turfgrass – TifGrand**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Georgia Seed Development Commission	15.00	F
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	10.00	C
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	5.00	R
Patten Seed (Super Sod)	30.00	R
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	33.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	10.00	R
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	10.00	C
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	5.00	R

### **Turfgrass – TifSport**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Diamond Turf, LLC	59.50	C
Georgia Seed Development Commission	4.25	F
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	182.12	C
Patten Seed Company (Super Sod)	65.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	130.00	C
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	100.35	C
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	4.25	R
Tifton Turf Farms, Inc.	12.50	C

### **Turf Grass - Tifton 10**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Green Blade Turf & Sod	4.00	R
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	102.80	C
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	12.22	R

### **Turf Grass – Tifway**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
B & B Red Bottom Turf, LLC	28.00	C
Barber Sod Farm, LLC	25.00	C
Bostwick Sod	98.00	C
Bostwick Sod	8.00	R
Capital City Turf	80.00	C
Evergreen Turf Farms, Inc.	134.00	C

*F -Foundation, R -Registered, C-Certified*

**Turf Grass – Tifway  
(continued)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Georgia Seed Development Commission	7.80	F
Georgia Turf Farms, Inc.	115.00	C
Golden Turf, LLC	10.00	C
Golden Turf, LLC	5.00	R
Green Blade Turf & Sod	7.00	C
Heritage Turf Farms, Inc.	36.00	C
Heritage Turf Farms, Inc.	1.00	R
Hunt's Turf Farm	89.98	C
Iron Oak Turf Farms	181.68	C
Manley, Inc.	96.00	C
Mill Branch Turf Farm	22.00	C
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	327.58	C
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	2.20	R
Patten Seed Company	50.00	C
Patten Seed Company (Super Sod)	295.00	C
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	534.00	C
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	10.00	R
Piedmont Turf Farms, LLC	13.70	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	566.00	C
Salacoa Turf Farms, LLC	11.90	C
Salacoa Turf Farms, LLC	4.00	R
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	119.67	C
Sod South, Inc.	74.60	C
Southern Turf Nurseries, Inc.	111.50	C
Sumner Turf, Inc.	238.50	C
Sunbelt Turf Farms, LLC	13.70	C
Sunsweet Sod, LLC	80.00	C
Superior Turf, Inc.	122.00	C
Tifton Turf Farms, Inc.	5.00	C
Tifton Turf Farms, Inc.	1.00	R
Vanceville Turf Farms, Inc.	124.90	C
Wolf Creek Sod, Inc.	20.00	C
Wright Turf Farms, Inc.	420.00	C

**Turf Grass – Tifway II**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	5.00	C

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**CENTIPEDE**  
**Turf Grass – TifBlair**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Georgia Seed Development Commission	7.84	F
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	249.09	C
Patten Seed Company	550.00	C
Patten Seed Company	13.89	R
Patten Seed Company (Super Sod)	1147.00	C
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	80.00	C
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	161.50	C
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	2.84	F
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	45.78	R

**PASPALUM**  
**Turf Grass – Platinum TE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	72.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	7.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	3.00	F
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	10.00	R

**Turf Grass – SeaDwarf**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	10.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	40.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	10.00	R

**Turf Grass – Sea Isle 2000**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Georgia Seed Development Commission	1.25	F
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	7.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	4.00	C

**Turf Grass – Sea Isle I**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Georgia Seed Development Commission	5.00	F
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	15.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	51.00	C

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**Turf Grass – SeaIsle Supreme**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Georgia Seed Development Commission	20.00	F
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	100.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	100.00	C

**ZOYSIA**

**Zoysia Seed - Compadre**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Patten Seed Company (Super Sod)105.00	C	
Patten Seed Company (Super Sod)20.00	R	

**Turf Grass - El Toro**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	1.25	R

**Turf Grass - Emerald**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Patten Seed Company	100.00	C
Patten Seed Company	1.00	R

**Turf Grass – Empire**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Golden Turf, LLC	20.00	C
Golden Turf, LLC	6.00	R
Manley, Inc.	24.50	C
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	60.00	C

**Turf Grass – JaMur**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
B & B Red Bottom Turf, LLC	23.00	C
Foskey Turf Farm, Inc.	25.00	C
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	144.88	C
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	5.88	R
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	1.84	R
Sumter Sod, LLC	10.00	C
Sumter Sod, LLC	1.00	R
The Sod Source, Inc.	41.00	C
The Sod Source, Inc.	2.00	R
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	27.00	C
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	13.12	F

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**Turf Grass – Meyer**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Evergreen Turf Farms, Inc.	2.00	C
Georgia Seed Development Commission	3.00	F
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	52.68	C
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	1.50	R
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	50.00	C
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	5.00	R
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	3.00	R
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	2.00	C

**Turf Grass - Palisades**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Gibson Turf Farms, LLC	30.80	C
Sumner Turf, Inc.	17.00	C
Wright Turf Farms, Inc.	12.00	C

**Turf Grass – Royal**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Phillip Jennings Turf Farms, LLC	10.00	R

**Turf Grass – Zenith**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Patten Seed Company	30.00	C

**Turf Grass – Zeon**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	259.43	C
North Georgia Turf, Inc.	6.75	R
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	57.80	C
Sod Atlanta, Inc.	4.68	R
The Sod Source, Inc.	10.00	C
The Sod Source, Inc.	1.00	R
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	38.00	C
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	12.38	F
The Turfgrass Group, Inc.	6.50	R
Tifton Turf Farms, Inc.	4.90	R

**Turf Grass – Zorro**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Class</u>
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	33.00	C
Pike Creek Turf, Inc.	5.00	R

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# Variety Descriptions

## Bermuda Grass

### **Turf Grass – Celebration Bermuda (Patented) (Interagency certified with Southern Seed Certification Association)**

A new variety of *Cynodon dactylon* exhibiting prostrate growth, short internode length, minimal seed head production and deep green coloration. Growers are licensed by Sod Solutions, Inc.

### **Turf Grass – Mini Verde**

Mini Verde is a dwarf Bermuda grass used on golf putting greens. No description or patent information supplied by inventor.

### **Turf Grass – Patriot (Patented)**

\*Patriot is an improved clonal turf bermudagrass cultivar suitable for many applications including golf course fairways and tee, athletic fields, home and commercial landscape sites and parks and playgrounds. It is a tetraploid ( $2n=4x=36$  chromosomes) interspecific F1 hybrid from a cross of *Cynodon dactylon* by *C. transvaalensis* characterized by dark blue-green color, vigorous growth, good winter hardiness and good turf quality.

\*Taken from the abstract provided to the United States Patent office by the inventors of record on July 11, 2006.

### **Turf Grass - Tifdwarf Bermuda**

Tifdwarf Bermuda grass is a sterile triploid hybrid that arose as a naturally occurring mutant in Tifgreen. It is used almost exclusively for putting greens. The variety will tolerate a lower cutting height than Tifgreen.

**Turf Grass - TifEagle Bermuda  
(Patented)**

TifEagle is a dense fine textured, triploid ( $2n=3x=27$  chromosomes) bermudagrass which has use on golf greens and other areas requiring mowing heights a 6mm or less. The grass produces more shoots per unit area that are shorter with narrower and shorter leaves than Tifdwarf, the previous cultivar of choice for high quality putting greens mowed at 6mm or less on golf courses where bermudagrass is preferred. TifEagle consistently produced better quality turf and color than Tifdwarf at mowing heights less than 6mm. It shows more resistance than Tifdwarf to the tawny mole cricket after one year of establishment. TifEagle is patented by the USDA and licensed by Georgia Seed Development Commission may be sold only by licensed growers as certified grass.

**Turf Grass - TifGrand Bermuda  
(Patented)**

\*The variety is a fine leaf warm season turf grass with significantly more shade tolerance than Tifway and TifSport. Turf quality and plant color is as good as or better than Tifway and TifSport and mole cricket resistance is significantly better than Tifway or TifSport. TifGrand has similar resistance to the two-lined spittle bug and army worm as Tifway, Tifdwarf and TifSport, but less resistance to the bermudagrass mite. The variety can produce more seed heads than other fine leaf warm season grasses but seed head production can be reduced by treating with Primo growth regulator.

The variety is patented and unauthorized propagation is not permitted. The variety may only be sold by licensed producers and is available only as a certified grass.

\*Source is the "Application for Approval of Cultivars" prepared by Dr. Wayne Hanna (USDA-ARS and UGA) and Kris Braman (UGA).

### **Turf Grass - TifSport Bermuda (Patented)**

TifSport is an improved triploid hybrid with Midiron cold hardiness and Tifway texture and color. TifSport has superior cold hardiness when compared to other available fine leaf turfgrasses. It is tolerant to common herbicides, and provides a high-density grass when mowed at ½ inch. The variety has shown mole cricket non-preference in side by side comparisons to Tifway. The variety may only be sold by licensed producers and is available only as certified grass. TifSport is patented by the USDA and growers licensed by Georgia Seed Development Commission.

### **Turf Grass - Tifton 10 Bermuda**

Tifton 10 originated as a vegetative introduction collected by G.W. Burton in 1974 from a lawn in Shanghai, China. It is vegetatively propagated, sheds pollen but produces few seeds. Foliage is coarse textured with a natural dark bluish-green color. It rapidly establishes from stolons and above ground stems which limits weed invasion. Tifton 10 is suited for roughs, roadsides, athletic fields, commercial landscaping areas and lawns.

### **Turf Grass - Tifway Bermuda**

Tifway Bermuda (419) is a chance hybrid between *Cynodon transvaalensis* and *C. dactylon*. Tifway was released to growers of certified sprigs by the GA Coastal Plain Experiment Station in the spring of 1960. Tifway has good disease resistance, dark green color and is used for fairways, tees, home lawns, and athletic fields.

### **Turf Grass - Tifway II Bermuda**

Tifway II is similar to Tifway. Tifway II will be suited for lawns, fairways, tees, and football fields throughout the South where Tifway is presently grown.

## Centipede

### **Turf Grass - TifBlair Centipede**

TifBlair is an improved, cold hardy, centipede lawn grass. TifBlair has similar color, leaf texture and growth as common centipede, but has much improved cold hardiness. TifBlair has survived temperature of -10° F with little stand loss. The variety has the ability to grow dense turf at pH 4.2 where common centipede produces little growth and poor density. TifBlair is a low maintenance grass. This variety may only be sold by licensed producers. **Seed Protected Variety - to be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed - PVPA 94.**

## Paspalum

### **Turf Grass – Platinum TE (Patented)**

\*Platinum TE is a paspalum that is established from sprigs and tolerates a wide range (0.070 to 1.500 inches or 1.75 to 37.5mm) of mowing heights with excellent turfgrass canopy density and quality traits for use on all areas of golf courses or sports fields when exposed to tropical and sub-tropical environmental conditions.

The variety is patented and unauthorized propagation is not permitted. The variety may only be sold by licensed producers and is available only as certified grass.

\*Source is the “Application for Platinum TE Cultivar Certification” prepared by Dr. Ronny R. Duncan, TurfEcosystems, LLC.

### **Turf Grass – SeaDwarf (SDX-1) (Patented)**

\*SeaDwarf is a Paspalum (Paspalum vaginatum) cultivar characterized by having a fine texture, greater sod strength, increased rooting, improved color, improved density, and greater salinity tolerance. The cultivar is particularly well suited for golf courses, grass tennis lawns, lawn bowls, lawns and athletic fields. SeaDwarf is a patented variety and may only be produced under contract with Environmental Turf, Inc.

\*Taken from the abstract provided to the United States Patent office by the inventors of record on December 3, 2002.

### **Turf Grass – SeaIsle I Paspalum (Patented)**

Compared to the variety Adalayd, SeaIsle I has darker green color, better salt tolerance, higher turf quality and better density. The variety may have more mole cricket damage than Adalayd. The variety is used for golf fairways and is vegetatively propagated. The variety is patent protected and will be available only as certified grass from licensed growers listed in this directory. SeaIsle I is patented by the University of Georgia Research Foundation and growers licensed by Georgia Seed Development Commission.

### **Turf Grass – SeaIsle 2000 Paspalum (Patented)**

A vegetatively reproduced seashore Paspalum cultivar, selected as a mutation from the cultivar Adalayd.RTM., is named SeaIsle 2000. It is distinguished by high tolerance to salinity, dark green color, extremely fine leaf blades that are generally .ltoeq. 1.5mm in width, and the ability to tolerate mowing to 5/32 inch height. These distinguishing characteristics make SeaIsle 2000 particularly suitable as a turfgrass for lawns and golf courses, especially golf course greens. SeaIsle 2000 is patented by the University of Georgia Research Foundation and growers licensed by Georgia Seed Development Commission.

### **Turf Grass – SeaIsle Supreme (SI 98) (Patented)**

\*SeaIsle Supreme is a vigorous ecotype that is suitable for use on golf course, athletic fields, and other recreational venues as a fine turf. SI 98 is a low growing and rapidly spreading semi-dwarf type that tolerates a wide range of mowing heights and still maintains good turf density and quality. SI 98 has excellent salt tolerance and should be well suited for use of a fine turf in environments where salt is a problem for other turfgrasses. SI 98 is lighter green in color than SI 2000. The limited data currently available indicates that SI 98 is susceptible to dollar spot, a fungal disease that attacks many turfgrasses in the humid Southeast. SeaIsle Supreme is patented by the University of Georgia Research Foundation and growers licensed by Georgia Seed Development Commission.

\*Taken from the “Application for Approval of Associate Cultivar Release”, prepared by Dr. Paul Raymer, University of Georgia.

## *Zoysia*

### **Turf Grass - Compadre Zoysia**

Compadre Zoysia is intermediate in growth habit between “Meyer” and the more open-growing, coarse leaf types of common *Zoysia Japonica*. Established turf is medium to coarse in leaf texture, less dense than Meyer and Zenith and has a medium green color during the growing season. It is similar to Meyer in area of adaptation. Estimated seed production is 100 to 300 pounds per acre. It can be seeded as a monoculture, with cool season grass, or overseeded.

### **Turf Grass - El Toro Zoysia (Licensed by the University of California)**

“El Toro” is a *Zoysia Japonica*, resembling “Meyer” in appearance but has a coarser leaf texture. California data indicates that “El Toro” has a much faster rate of establishment than “Meyer” and displays earlier spring greenup. It has low thatch production and shade tolerance. Only licensed growers may propagate this variety.

### **Turf Grass - Emerald Zoysia**

Emerald Zoysia is a hybrid between Japanese lawn grass and Mascarene grass. Much finer leaves than other Zoysia resembling hybrid bermuda grass leaves. The turf is highly resistant to wear by foot traffic.

### **Turf Grass - Empire™ Zoysia (Patent Pending)**

Empire Zoysia is a Zoysia Japonica, found in Brazil and developed by Sod Solutions, Inc. It has broader leaves and is more aggressive than Meyer or El Toro. May be sold by licensed growers only.

### **Turf Grass - JaMur Zoysia (Patented)**

JaMur was developed and patented by Bladerunner Farms, Texas. The variety is a perennial with a faster note of spread and favorable texture over common zoysiagrass. It is reported to have a slightly darker green color and produces less thatch. JaMur is produced by growers licensed by Bladerunner Farms.

### **Turf Grass – Meyer Zoysia**

Meyer is intermediate in type and leaf width between more open-growing, coarse types of common Zoysia and the very dense, fine leaf manilagrass. El Toro, Meyer and Belair have similar blade widths. When established, the turf is quite dense and has dark green color during the growing season. Meyer has been rated as resistant to both diseases and insects. Meyer withstands wear and resists weed invasion under good management practices. It is winter hardy and comparatively drought-resistant throughout its region of adaptation. Meyer is superior to manilagrass in winter hardiness and rate of spread. Meyer must be propagated vegetatively.

**Turf Grass – Palisades Zoysia**  
**(Patented by Texas A&M University)**

Palisades is a vegetatively reproduced variety of Zoysia. It is suitable for home lawns, golf fairways and roughs. The variety is patented and must be sold as certified grass by a licensed grower.

**Turf Grass – Royal Zoysia**  
**(Patented by Texas A&M University)**

Royal is a *Zoysia matrella* hybrid that is vegetatively propagated. It is distinguished from other zoysiagrasses by a fine texture, high rhizome and tiller density, is reasonably salt tolerant, has good shade tolerance and rapid regrowth and recovery from damage. Royal tolerates close and frequent mowing. Adapted for use on golf course fairways and tee boxes under full sun or moderate shade. The variety has sufficient winter hardiness to be used across the mid-transition states. Royal was developed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and may be marketed by licensed growers only. It is a patent protected variety.

**Turf Grass – Zenith Zoysia**  
**(Patent Pending)**

Zenith plants have yellow-green stems (stolons) and flowers in contrast to other Zoysia grasses that have purple stems and flowers. Five percent or less of Zenith may have purple stems and flowers. Leaf texture is medium to coarse. Zenith is intermediate in growth habit, taller than Meyer and shorter than the taller common types. It is adapted for golf course, athletic field and residential uses. Zenith can be seeded with a cool-season grass or overseeded, however, it will produce a higher quality turf in monoculture than common types of seeded Zoysia Japonica.

**Turf Grass - Zeon Zoysia  
(Patented)  
(Licensed by Bladerunner Farms)**

Zeon Zoysia was selected and developed by Bladerunner Farms, Inc., Texas. It is a vegetatively produced Zoysia marketed as an Emerald Zoysia type with less thatch produced. The Zoysia grass test conducted by the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP), planted in 1996, ranked Zeon higher in turf quality than Emerald or Meyer with color the same. Texture is similar to that of Emerald and more fine leafed than Meyer. The area of adaptation is the same as Emerald. Only licensed producers may sell this variety.

**Turf Grass - Zorro Zoysia  
(Licensed by Turfgrass America)**

Zorro is a Zoysia Matrella (L.) Merr that is vegetatively propagated. Zorro is distinguished from other zoysiagrasses by its fine texture, high rhizome and tiller density, moderate drought tolerance, shade tolerance and rapid regrowth, and recovery from damage. Zorro tolerates close and frequent mowing suggesting a potential commercial value for sports fields, buffer surrounds for bent grass greens, tee boxes, and fairways on golf courses and residential and industrial lawns under either full sun or moderate to heavy shade in the southern United States. Zorro has sufficient winter hardiness to be used in open areas south of the Missouri River Valley and the Appalachian Mountain Range. Zorro has good defensive traits with genetic resistance to hunting billbug, fall armyworm, brown patch, yellow patch and zoysia rust. Certification is required and the variety is plant patented.

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