Go against the grain with Renegade DT (BMT-13), a new variety of turf type tall fescue developed by the breeders at Novel Ag. It is a synthetic variety developed at their Research Station here in Oregon. Renegade DT originated from tillers and plant selections taken from elite varieties of turf type tall fescue that set themselves apart through demonstrated superior summer performance, disease resistance and drought tolerance compared to other tall fescue varieties. The breeding work was predominantly done in Oregon with testing in Oregon and New Jersey.

Usage:
Renegade DT has a dark color and is a persistent, endophyte enhanced variety that is well adapted to hot summers, lower fertility soils, higher salt conditions, shade, and tough use situations. It incorporates all the improved features expected in modern tall fescues while still setting standards of it’s own. It has a dark green color, medium-fine leaf texture and has great summer performance and stress tolerance. Renegade DT won’t defect and is very persistent - it can be mowed down to 5/8 inches and has deep roots with excellent drought tolerance. It is a lower growing “Semi-Dwarf “type variety with a medium-slow growth rate requiring less mowing.

Adaptation:
For both low and high maintenance, Renegade DT is recommended wherever an improved quality tall fescue needs to stand out from the crowd. Renegade DT rebels and adapts to low fertility situations, shade, and tolerates acid soils as well as higher pH soils and shady conditions very well. Renegade DT will germinate and grow under higher salt conditions, even with water salt levels approach 10,000 ppm total salts. It is recommended for lawns, parks, golf course roughs, and sod production. Renegade DT still plays well with others, and can be blended with other improved varieties of turf type tall fescue and broader leafed varieties of Kentucky bluegrass.

Seeding and Establishment:
Recommended seeding times are early to mid spring (good) or late summer to early fall (best). A seeding rate of 6 – 10 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended for new plantings. For overseeding existing turf a rate of 3 – 5 lbs / 1000 sq ft is best. Normally seedlings will emerge in 8 – 12 days after planting and the first mowing can be expected in 3 – 5 weeks.

Management:
Renegade DT is a lower fertility grass and performs well with Nitrogen applications ranging from 2 – 5 lbs. actual N per 1000 sq ft per year. Yearly P and K applications at half the N amount are also desirable. Fall fertilization will help Renegade DT keep fighting the good fight through the winter months. A mowing height between 1.25 – 3.5 inches is ideal but lower and higher cutting heights can also be tolerated well.