



Turf Type Tall Fescue

Amity, (tested as "CCR2"), is a new elite variety of turf type tall fescue developed by the breeders at Rutgers. A synthetic variety developed at the Rutgers Research Station near Adelphia, NJ, Amity originated from tillers taken from elite selections of turf type tall fescue that demonstrated superior summer performance, density, disease resistance, wear tolerance, and turf quality in comparison to other tall fescue varieties available on the market.

Usage:

Amity is a persistent, lower growing, endophyte enhanced variety that is well adapted to hot summers, high humidity, both higher and lower fertility soils, higher salt conditions, shade, and tough use situations. It incorporates all the improved features expected in elite tall fescues. Amity has an excellent dark green color (best color in NTEP), medium leaf texture, great summer performance, and great stress tolerance. Amity is very persistent with a mowing height as low as 5/8 inches. Amity's deep root system contributes to its excellent drought tolerance. It is a "Semi-Dwarf" type variety with a medium low growth rate. The most recent NTEP trial data shows Amity as the overall top variety for color, turf quality, and brown patch resistance.

Adaptation:

For both low and high maintenance, Amity is recommended wherever a high quality tall fescue is needed. NTEP data shows that it performs exceptionally well in the transition zone. It is well adapted to low fertility situations, shady areas, and tolerates acidic soils as well as alkaline soils.

Disease Resistance and Stress Tolerance:

The most recent NTEP trial data demonstrated the broad overall disease resistance and stress tolerance of Amity. It has outstanding resistance to brown patch, and very good resistance to both leaf spot and net blotch. Amity performed excellently in high traffic trials in New Jersey.

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 with a first mowing expected in 3 – 5 weeks.

Management:

Amity fits the bill as both a lower and higher fertility grass, and performs best with Nitrogen applications ranging from 2 – 5 lbs. actual N per 1000 sq. ft. annually. Yearly P and K applications at half the N amount in the fall will keep Amity performing at its best. A mowing height between 1.25 – 3.5 inches is ideal, but lower and higher cutting heights (down to 5/8 inch) can be used.

Features

- Excellent heat resistance
- Endophyte enhanced
- Excellent salt tolerance
- Darker green coloration
- Medium leaf texture
- High density
- Shade tolerant
- High traffic recovery
- Low soil fertility adaptation
- Transition zone performance
- Acidic and Alkaline soil adaptation

Primary Pest and Disease Resistances

- Brown patch resistance
- Leaf spot resistance
- Net blotch resistance

Uses

- Lawns
- Parks
- Golf course roughs
- Sod production

Seeding Rates

- **New Turf**
6-10 lbs/1,000 sq ft
- **Overseeding**
3-5 lbs/1,000 sq ft

Mow Height

- **Recommended** - 2 in
- **Max** - 3.5 in
- **Min** - 5/8 in



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NTEP 2015 Data Highlight - Table 24. Summer Density Ratings of Tall Fescue Cultivars

Variety	Density Ratings 1 - 9; 9 = Maximum Density				Mean
	CA3	IN1	NC1	OK1	
Amity (CCR2)	7.0	7.7	7.3	6.0	7.0
Grande 3	6.7	6.7	8.0	6.3	6.9
MET 1	6.7	7.0	7.7	6.0	6.8
PPG-TF-135	7.0	6.7	7.7	6.0	6.8

*Entries including and displaying less than 6.8 Mean score have been removed. Full report available at <http://www.ntep.org>.

NTEP 2015 Data Highlight - Table 31. Brown Patch (Warm Temperature) Ratings of Tall Fescue Cultivars

Variety	Brown Patch Ratings 1 - 9; 9 = No Disease				Mean
	NC1	NJ2	OK1	TN1	
Amity (CCR2)	7.7	7.3	7.0	9.0	7.8
Avenger II (PPG-TF-156)	6.7	6.7	8.7	8.3	7.6
Rebounder (PICK-W43)	7.3	6.7	7.7	8.7	7.6
Thor (PPG-TF-157)	7.3	6.3	8.3	8.3	7.6

*Entries including and displaying less than 7.6 Mean score have been removed. Full report available at <http://www.ntep.org>.

NTEP 2014 Data Highlight - Table 29. Winter Color Ratings of Tall Fescue Cultivars

Variety	Winter Color Ratings 1 - 9; 9 = Complete Color Retention				Mean
	CA3	KY1	MS1	NC1	
PPG-TF-169	8.0	4.0	4.7	4.7	5.3
GTO (BURL TF-2)	8.0	4.3	4.0	5.0	5.3
Titanium 2LS (PPG-TF-152)	7.7	4.0	4.3	5.3	5.3
Amity (CCR2)	7.0	4.3	4.7	5.0	5.3

*Entries including and displaying less than 5.3 Mean score have been removed. Full report available at <http://www.ntep.org>.



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