Dundee
Turf Type Tall Fescue

Description:

Tested as PST-5T24 and named Dundee in honor of a small Oregon town, this new turf type tall fescue was developed by PureSeed Testing and is licensed to Vista Seed Partners. Dundee is a modern, new generation variety selected for elite turf quality, a somewhat spreading growth habit through both short rhizomes and aggressive tillering, and superior turf attributes such as tolerance to lower mowing and excellent summer stress tolerance. Endophyte enhanced (~30%) for improved insect and disease resistance, Dundee also offers improved tolerance to glyphosate (RoundUp).

Performance:

Entered into the 2024 NTEP tall fescue trials as PST-5T24, with first official NTEP data expected in late 2025 or early 2026. Preliminary reports suggest it is among the top performers in the trials. Data from Rutgers, Oregon, and North Carolina indicate good establishment, very good brown patch, Pythium, and gray leaf spot resistance, medium fine leaf texture, and excellent summer density and stress tolerance. Dundee exhibits excellent turf quality in the Northeastern States, the mid-Atlantic region, and Oregon, with medium dark green color and one of the denser canopies in trials. Drought tolerance and summer survival are excellent.

Adaptation and Use:

Dundee can be used straight or blended with other improved turf tall fescues. It mixes well with medium and broad-bladed Kentucky bluegrass varieties (10–15% recommended) for sod or athletic field mixes, and with perennial ryegrass (generally 20% recommended). Like most improved tall fescues, it is shade tolerant, very drought tolerant, and performs well under lower management systems. Once established, it has excellent wear tolerance and can be mowed as low as 1.25 inches.

Features

- Spreading growth habit (rhizomes + aggressive tillering)
- Medium fine leaf texture
- Medium dark green color
- Excellent summer density and stress tolerance
- Very drought tolerant
- Shade tolerant
- Endophyte enhanced (~30%)
- Improved tolerance to glyphosate (RoundUp)
- Excellent turf quality in multiple regions

Primary Pest and Disease Resistances

- Brown patch (very good)
- Pythium (very good)
- Gray leaf spot (very good)

Uses

- Lawns
- Parks
- Sod production
- Athletic fields
- Golf course roughs

Seeding Rates

- **New Turf**
  6–8 lbs/1,000 sq ft
- **Overseeding**
  3–4 lbs/1,000 sq ft

Mow Height

- **Recommended** - 2–4 in
- **Max -** 5 inches
- **Min** - about 1 ¼ inches

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