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*The most outstanding feature of **Blue Ridge Elite Kentucky Bluegrass** is its exceptional color and performance under low fertility and irrigation, making it one of the most desirable bluegrass varieties available. Its high tiller density provides a thick carpet that will stand up to the abuses of high traffic associated with parks and athletic fields. Sod producers and homeowners enjoy **Blue Ridge's** dwarf growth characteristics, which result in fewer mowings and reduced maintenance costs.*



TYPE:

Elite Turf Type Kentucky Bluegrass

Experimental Designation – A97-1449

FEATURES:

- Excellent Color Ratings
- First-class Spring Green Up & Summer Density
- Strong performance with low fertility and irrigation
- Impressive Summer Heat & Drought Tolerance
- Robust Overall Disease Resistance

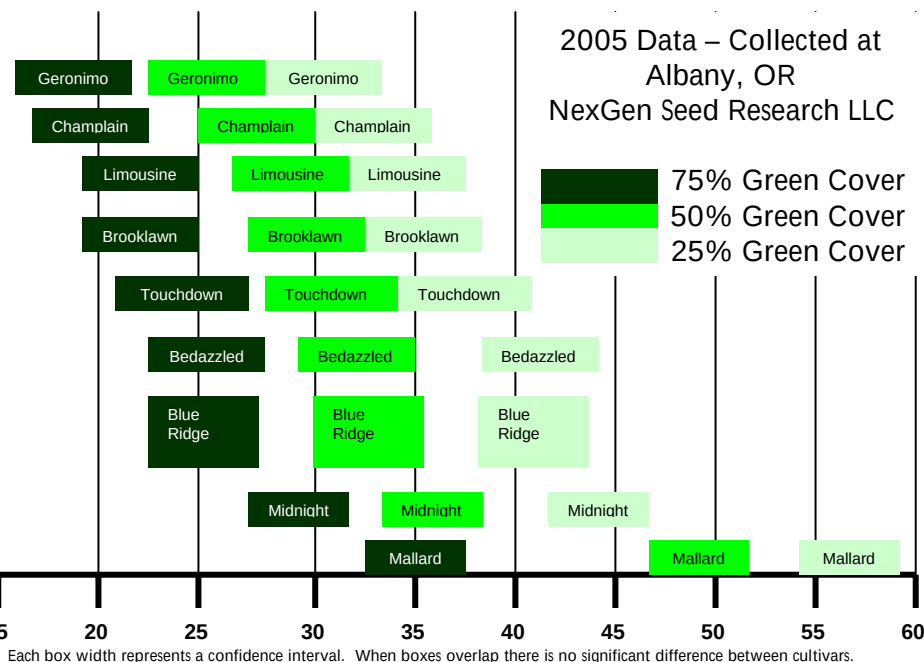
BENEFITS:

- Everyone desires a dark green turf and this variety provides that result without excessive use of fertilizer
- Summer and fall density transmutes into a better stand of turfgrass to fend off weed pressure
- This density combined with drought tolerance bestows a dazzling stand of turfgrass
- It is always beneficial to have a stand of grass that saves on input costs i.e. water, fertilizers, & fungicides

RECOMMENDED USE:

- Golf Course Fairways, Tees, and Roughs
- Sod Farms
- Athletic Fields
- Parks
- Home Lawns

2005 Data – Collected at
Albany, OR
NexGen Seed Research LLC





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Genetic Color Ratings of Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars

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2001-05 Data

Genetic Color Ratings 1-9; 9 = Dark Green

Cultivar	Mean
Moonlight	8.2
Blue Ridge	7.8
Blacksburg II	7.7
Bedazzled	7.2
Unique	6.5
Limousine	6.7
Kenblue	6.0
LSD Value	1.1

Fall Color (October) Ratings of Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars

Table 42

201-05 Data

Fall Color Ratings 1-9; 9 = Complete Color Retention

Cultivar	SD1
Blue Ridge	8.0
Bedazzled	7.0
Cheetah	6.7
Apollo	6.3
North Star	6.0
Limousine	5.7
KenBlue	4.7
LSD Value	0.6

Summer Color Ratings of Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars

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2001-05 Data

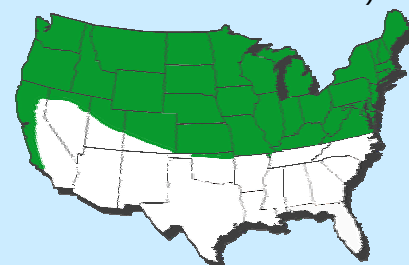
Summer Color Ratings 1-9; 9 = Best

Cultivar	ME1
Blue Ridge	9.0
Bluestone	8.3
Bedazzled	8.0
Bordeaux	7.7
Rugby II	7.3
Limousine	7.0
Julius	6.0
LSD Value	1.2

These examples represent a few of the varieties tested in the NTEP
2000 National Kentucky Bluegrass Report, 2001-2005 Data, Final Report
For complete trial data, go to www.ntep.org

OPTIMAL ADAPTATION AREAS:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (may not be adaptable to all areas within each climatic zone)



SEEDING RATES:

Sod Farms, Golf Fairways

100 lbs per acre (112 kgs/hectare)

Athletic Fields, Parks

80 - 100 lbs per acre (90 - 112 kgs/hectare)

Golf Tees, Home Lawns

2 - 3 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. (1 - 1 1/2 kg/ sq m)

ESTABLISHMENT:

Bluegrasses require 2 - 3 weeks for complete germination. Color may be observed before that time, however in good growing weather where soil temperatures are above 65° F (18° C), expect 8 to 10 weeks for a complete stand of grass. The first mowing may be expected in about six weeks.

MAINTENANCE:

This bluegrass possesses good mowing qualities and can be maintained at cutting a cutting height ranging from 1 1/2 inch to 2 inches (36 - 50 mm). It does well in sand or heavy clay soils, and like all bluegrasses, performs best in soils with a pH of 5.5 to 8. Three to five pounds N per 1,000 square feet per year is adequate in most areas of the United States.

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