Bluegrass, Fescue Best Seeds For Michigan Lawns

For a beautiful lawn, you should be familiar with turf grasses and what best suits your particular soil, site and en-

particular soil, sits and environment.

Permanent turgrasses such
as, Kentucky Bluegrass and red
textus should compose a major.

Dettine of most seed mixtures
planted in Michigan.

Cheap, quick growing seed
mixtures are generally a poor
tow since they may contain large
quantities of temporary and
weedy personnial grasses which
are unsuited for a high quality,
permanent turn. pérmanent turf.

ONLY QUALITY seeds which ONLY QUALITY seeds which meet certain minimum purity and germination percentages should be used. The Michigan Seed Law requires proper law seed that the seed of the Michigan Seed Law requires proper law seed of the seed of

requirements.

It is important to carefully select the variety best suited to the particular management level desired. Kentucky blue-grasses should be mowed at 1-1/2 be inches, Cutting shorter than 1-1/2 inches will seriously weaken the turf.

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Kenticky hine grasses are
widely used on lawns, athlietic
fields, institutional grounds,
fairways, tees, roadsides, conteries and airfields.
COUGAR - is a moderately
low growing variety of Kentucky
little grass with a similar leaf
itexture to Merion. Numerous
leaves are oriented horizontally. R tends to have a
blue-green color.

zontally. It tends to mave a blue-green color. It is highly susceptible to leafspot and is moderately sus-ceptible to stripe smut and powdery mildew. Use of this variety in Michigan is suggested variety in Michigan is suggested only for the northern half of the lower peninsula where leafspot is not a problem. The outstanding attribute of Cougar is the excellent drought tolerance and drought recovery

Cougar is the excellent drought recovery on sandy soils.

DELTA—This variety of Kentucky blue grass is similar to Kenhiu. It is as susceptible to leafspot as Kenhiu Kentucky Bluegrass but recovers from lajury much more rapidly.

It is fairly resistant to stem rust and powdery midiew. The arriety is outstanding in each recover from drought fairly discussed in the second of the s

early spring and late fall grown and color but becomes dormant in midsummer. This turgrass is highly susceptible toleafspot diseases which cause severe thinning and browning in early

Although resistant to leaf rust, it is quite susceptible to powdery mildew which can cause severe injury in shaded

cause severe injury in sandou areas.
Kenbiu Kentikek bluegrass withstands traffic moderately well and should be a basic component of a majority of lawn mixtures in Michigan which are to be maintained at a medium to low fertility level.
MERION — This Kentucky MERION - This Kentucky bluegrass variety produces a turf of high quality and density when properly managed, it forms a medium textured sod having a wide, dark green leaf. Its chief attribute is resisiance to leafspot disease, which results in superior summer growth when compared with Kenhia, Della, Park, Newport, etc. It is highly susceptible to prowdery mildew which can cause severe thinning under intense shade.

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Seen fusts are also a problem with Merion but can be
overcome by a balanced fertilitzer program. Merion is highji' susceptible to stripe smutnitch is most prevalent underheavy thatch conditions.

ALTHOUGH stripe smut has
been found in Michigan, it has
jobt as yet become a severe

a problem as in states to the south.

Merion also shows considerable susceptibility to a new disease which has been called Fusarium Bight. With the advent of cool fall weather, Merion shows a reduced growth rate and turns a characteristic

purpleish-green color.

Merion has superior ability
to tolerate and recover from
droughts and therefore would
be better adapted, than most
bluegrass varieties, to light
sandy soils, Merion is comparatively clow to establish.
It demands a high manage-

ment level compared to most other bluegrass varieties and bluegrass varieties and bluegrass varieties growth habit which gen fertilization (6-6 of actual blends well with Morion. Its altrogen beriodos each of the control of the bluegrasse due to than other bluegrasses due to the vigorous, dense growth abit.

Newport seems to prefer a erale susceptibility to leafspot, medium high nitrogen fertility prowdery mildew and rust, level. It has a medium rate of BLUEGARS blends - The establishment, Newport tends to blending of several bluegrass varieties which possess varying the preferred. The moderately low growing Kenbucky bluegrass. It has most read in the preferred of the second rusty bluegrass. It has most read to the preferred the control of the preferred that the preferred the second rusty bluegrass. It has most read to the preferred the second rusty bluegrass. It has most read to the preferred the pre

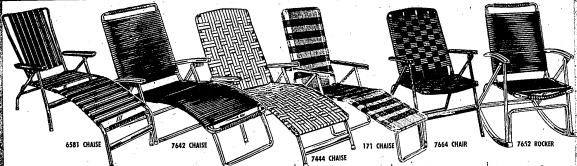
RED FESCUE - Red Fescue (Festuca rubra) is a perennial, cool season turigrass of fine texture particularly adapted to

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