



# southern blue



## A TEXAS BLUEGRASS HYBRID

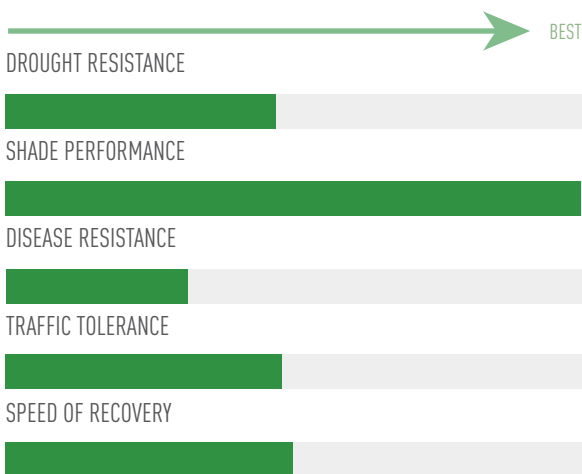
This innovative cool season cross between Texas bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass was developed through a partnership with Texas A&M and NG Turf. Southern Blue outperforms all other cool season grasses during Southeastern summers while remaining cold hardy and keeping its deep green color year round. The rhizomatous root system not only provides heat and drought resistance, but also allows the grass to recover from stress and damage—unlike fescue, which requires overseeding.



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## PERFORMANCE RATINGS



## CHARACTERISTICS

### APPEARANCE

Medium blade; dark green  
color year round

### SHADE TOLERANCE

High

### DROUGHT TOLERANCE

Medium; better than tall  
fescue

### MAINTENANCE

Medium

## TECHNICAL DATA

- More heat and drought resistant than fescue
- Better recovery than other cool season grasses
- Medium fertility requirements
- Medium mowing frequency
- Cold hardy
- pH 5.5 to 6.5
- Full sun to partial shade

## BEST USAGE

### Landscape

**Golf**—Roughs

**Landscape**—Home lawns,  
commercial properties





# Maintenance

## SOUTHERN BLUE

- Begin mowing once sod is safely rooted
- Optimum mowing height 2" to 3"; raise to a range 3" to 4" during summer
- Mow regularly with a rotary or reel mower; keep blades sharp
- Never remove more than 1/3 of growth in one mowing
- Bagging clippings is not necessary; reduce nitrogen applications to minimize clippings and the threat of disease



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### SOIL & FERTILIZER NEEDS

- Soil test recommended before fertilizing
- Apply 1 to 2 lb of fertilizer annually per 1,000 square feet in fall and spring
- One to two applications in September and February of a balanced fertilizer, such as 10-10-10 or 13-13-13
- Fertilizing is not recommended for Southern Blue during the summer

### DISEASE, WEED & INSECT CONTROL

- Chemical controls for weed growth are most effective during fall and spring
- Diseases most detrimental to Southern Blue attack during summer months
- Use pre-emergent herbicides to prevent weed growth
- Apply herbicide strictly by the label directions
- For help with herbicide selection, contact your local UGA County Cooperative Extension Service agent