



*Poa pratensis*

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.

### **Characteristics:**

- 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

### **Recommended Use:**

Golf Courses (Fairways, Tees, and Roughs), Sod Farms, Athletic Fields, Parks, and Home Lawns

### **Climatic Zones:**

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

### **Establishment & Maintenance:**

**Blue Ridge**, like all bluegrass's, requires 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. **Blue Ridge** 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). **Blue Ridge** 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. However, because of **Blue Ridge's** dark genetic color, lower fertilizer rates may produce an acceptable color.

### **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 meter)

This variety was bred and developed at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.