

As a successor of the original Fiesta (released in 1975), Fiesta II and Fiesta 3, Fiesta 4 represents the most modern type of elite perennial ryegrass.

FIESTA 4

PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

INTRODUCTION:

Fiesta 4 was first released in 2006. It's a product of the Pickseed breeding program, having been developed at the Pickseed research station. It is a perfect partner for any of Pickseed's elite bluegrasses or fine fescues such as Victory II, Spartan II or Jasper II. Plus, Fiesta 4 is an excellent blend partner with other Pickseed perennial ryegrasses, such as in the popular Futura 3000 blend. Alone, you can use Fiesta 4 as a long-lived perennial turfgrass in the north, and as an elite overseeding grass in the south.

DISEASE RESISTANCE:

Fiesta 4 is highly resistant to Gray Leaf Spot. It also has good to excellent disease resistance to all the major diseases of perennial ryegrass, such as Pythium, Brown Patch, Leaf Spot and Dollar Spot. Thanks to its high endophyte level, Fiesta 4 provides good resistance to surface and crown feeding insects such as webworms, army worms, billbugs and others.

MANAGEMENT:

For perennial turf, the best mowing height is 1/2" - 2". On overseeded golf greens, however, you can mow Fiesta 4 extremely low - down to 1/8". As a general guideline, applications of balanced fertilizer supplying 1/2 to 3/4 lbs. actual N per 1000 sq. ft. per month of growing season help maintain a healthy turf. When Fiesta 4 is used as a perennial turf in hot, humid summer climates, spring and summer fertilization should be avoided. Fall fertilization is best under those conditions.

SEEDING:

Pickseed recommends a seeding rate of 5-7 lbs. per 1000 square feet in the north. For overseeded southern golf course greens, 30-40 lbs. of Fiesta 4 per 1000 square feet gives best results. In normal circumstances, you can expect germination in five to seven days.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2006
Main Uses	Overseeding, golf courses, lawns, sports turf
Seed Count	289,000 seeds / lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	5 – 7 days
Normal Days to First Mowing	24 days
NTEP Quality Ratings (2005 data, Schedule A)	Top Rated – 6.8
Genetic Color	Dark Green – 6.9
Summer Stress Tolerance	Very Good
Leaf Texture	Fine – 7.7
Summer Turf Density	Medium Dense – 7.3
Shade Tolerance	Fair
Sod Strength	Not Tested
pH Range	4.8 – 7.9
Winter Injury	Very Good – 12% WI
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent
Growth Rate	Medium
Mature Plant Height	Medium
Leaf Spot Resistance	Good – 6.7
Gray Leaf Spot Resistance	Excellent – 9.0
Brown Patch Resistance	Very Good – 6.8
Pythium Blight Resistance	Very Good – 7.7
Red Thread Resistance	Excellent – 8.7