



*Festuca arundinacea*

**Forte'** is a turfgrass that requires less irrigation frequency than bluegrass, ryegrass and fine fescues. **Forte'** is a shade tolerant variety and ideal for home lawns, parks, and sod production. It exhibits outstanding wear tolerance and resists hard use on athletic fields, park and home lawns. **Forte'** has an early spring green-up and holds its color late into the fall. **Forte'** has performed well under low to moderate fertility, but performs better under high fertility levels associated with the maintenance of extensively used athletic fields and showcase lawns.

#### **Characteristics:**

- Exceptionally dark green variety
- Reduced vertical growth rate
- Improved resistance to Brown Patch, Dollar Spot, and Leaf Spot
- Persistent under drought conditions
- Good performance under low fertility
- Good frost tolerance and winter hardiness

#### **Recommended Use:**

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

#### **Climatic Zones:**

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

#### **Establishment & Maintenance:**

Cover seed to a depth not exceeding 1/4 inch (6.35 mm) and keep seedlings moist until well rooted. The first mowing can be expected after 30 days, or when the grass blades reach a length of 3 inches. (76.2 mm) mow back to 2 inches (50.8 mm) until turf is established. Limited use of the area can be expected in 6 weeks. **Forte'** can tolerate a mowing height of 1.5 inches. (38.1 mm)

#### **Seeding Rates:**

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| • Home Lawns, Parks     | 8 - 10 lbs/1000 sq ft<br>(3 1/2 - 5 kgs/100 sq meters) |
| • Athletic Fields/Parks | 10 - 15 lbs/1000 sq ft<br>(5 - 7 kgs/100 sq meters)    |
| • Sod Farms             | 8 - 10 lbs/1000 sq ft<br>(3 1/2 - 5 kgs/100 sq meters) |

**\*\*Forte'** mixes best with 5-7% Kentucky Bluegrass such as Monte Carlo or Chateau for a more luxurious turf.

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