Tatanka is recommended for low- to medium-maintenance lawns, parks, and general-use areas in the central and northern Great Plains. Like other buffalograsses, Tatanka has a low water-use rate (2) and, once established, tolerates dry conditions and warm temperatures better than cool-season turfgrasses (3).

In Tatanka breeder seed production fields, best pollen distribution is achieved using a female-to-male planting ratio of 9:1. Foundation seed production fields are seed-propagated and have an inflorescence ratio of approximately one male to one female.

Tatanka should be increased no more than three generations beyond breeder seed: foundation, registered, and certified. Breeder and foundation seed are currently available for the commercial market. Breeder seed of Tatanka will be produced and maintained by Native Turfgrass Development Group with the cooperation of Arrow Seed Co., Johnston’s Seed Co., Seeds West Inc., Stock Seed Farms, and the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station. Application no. 9600266 has been made for U.S. Plant Variety Protection.

 Elf is recommended for turf use on lawns, sports fields, parks, playgrounds, and golf course tees, fairways, and cart paths in temperate regions where turf-type perennial ryegrasses are well adapted. For long-lived perennial turfs, it is normally advantageous to mix Elf with an adapted blend of Kentucky bluegrasses (Poa pratensis) and/or strong creeping red fescue (Festuca rubra). Elf is also recommended for the overseeding of dormant warm-season turfs.

Breeder seed of Elf will be produced and maintained by R.H. Bailey Seed, with the cooperation of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Three generations of increase seed are authorized: foundation, registered, and certified. Application (no. 9400105) has been made for U.S. plant variety protection.

References and Notes


