



# Recommended Turfgrasses for Kansas

## Tips for Purchasing Seed

Some of these varieties are new to the market and may be difficult to find at the garden store. It is not always necessary for seed mixes to contain only the varieties mentioned below. Most of these newer varieties are very close to one another in quality. For best results, choose seed that is a blend of three to five different varieties to maximize the strengths of each variety.

To avoid unwanted weeds always look carefully at the “weed seed” and “other crop” percentages. Purchase seed with as close to 0% of these unwanted seeds as possible. A seed label with <0.01 weed seed is good but 0% is best. This also applies to the “other crop” section of the label. It may cost more than inexpensive seed mixes, but is a worthwhile investment.

Also look at the percent of germination for all turfgrass species on the seed label. Just because that type of seed is on the label doesn’t mean all of it will grow. Thus it is important to look at the germination rate, and chose a bag of seed that has a high germination percentage.

## Tall Fescue

4 <sup>th</sup> Millenium	Faith	Grande 3	Michelangelo	Technique
Avenger II	Falcon V	GTO	Raptor III	Temple
BIZEM	Fayette	Hemi	Reflection	Terrano
Black Tail	Fesnova	Hot Rod	Rhambler 2 SRP	Thor
Bullseye	Firebird 2	Hover	Rockwell	Titanium 2LS
Caesar	Firecracker SLS	Kingdom	Rowdy	Traverse 2 SRP
Catalyst	Firewall	Leonardo	Saltillo	
Diablo	Foxhound	Maestro	Screamer LS	
Dynamite LS	Frontline	Meridian	Swagger	

K-31 fescue is an old standby and has been used for years. However, there are a myriad of newer cultivars that have improved color, density and a finer leaf texture. Though K-31 may still be a good choice for large, open areas with lower maintenance, the new cultivars will give better performance for those who desire a high-quality turf.

The Kansas Premium Fescue Blend is a common seed mixture of Tall Fescue varieties that have been shown to perform well in our area. Though the exact ratio changes from year to year, it often includes some of the Tall Fescue Varieties recommend above. This will be an excellent choice for most homeowners.

## Kentucky Bluegrass

Kentucky Bluegrass is not typically recommended for Sedgwick County or southern Kansas. Tall Fescue varieties are often preferred due to their heat and drought tolerance. If Kentucky Bluegrass is used, cultivars for **high-quality lawns** include:

Alexa II	Diva	Impact	Rhythm	Washington
Aura Award	Everest	Midnight	Rugby	Zinfandel
Bewitched	Everglade	NuChicago	Skye	
Barrister	Excursion	NuDestiny	Solor Eclipse	
Beyond	Ginney II	NuGlade	STR 2485	
	Granite	Rhapsody	Sudden Impact	

Good choices for **low maintenance** (limited watering) include:

Baron	Baronie	Caliber	Canterbury	Dragon South
Eagelton	Envicta	Kenblue	North Star	Dakota

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## Bermudagrass

**Seeded types:** Monaco, Yukon

**Vegetative types\*:** Latitude 36, Northbridge, Tahoma 31, Patriot, Iron Cutter

## Zoysiagrass

**Seeded types:** Zenith in southern Kansas only

**Vegetative types\*:** Meyer, Chisolm, Innovation (KSUZ 1201)

## Buffalograss

**Seeded types:** Bison, Cody, Plains, Sharps Improved, Tantaka, Texoka, Top Gun

**Vegetative types\*:** Buffalawn, Legacy, Prairie, Prestige

\* Vegetative types is a term that means the grass must be planted by either sod or sprigs. Seeds of these varieties are not available, as they do not grow true to type.

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