

Freedom III KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

ATTRIBUTES

☆'s 5 = Outstanding, 4 = Very Good, 3 = Good, 2 = Moderate, 1 = Poor

★★★★ Close Mowing
★★★★ Shade Tolerance
★★★★ Low Fertility
★★★★ Heat Tolerance
★★★★ Turf Density



- Freedom III offers a whole new level of freedom from Poa annua and turf pests!
- #1 national quality performance at sports moving heights of 1-2 inches (2.5-5 cm)
- Shorter growing and less stemmy for cleaner, easier mowing
- Freedom III delivers a rich, dark green color with superior density and fine blades

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

FREEDOM FROM TROUBLESOME PESTS

Freedom III combats the browning effects of common lawn pests with its built-in broadspectrum resistance. In North American university trials, Freedom III ranked high against leaf spot, melting out, leaf rust, stem rust, necrotic ring spot, Microdochium pink snow mold, Typhula gray snow mold, red thread, stripe smut, summer patch, brown patch, dollar spot, and anthracnose. It tied for #1 against bluegrass billbug. Better resistance means fewer chemicals and a greener turf all year 'round.

POA's WORST ENEMY: Freedom III is #1 for fighting Poa annua, according to results of the national turf trials (2001 data). Freedom III had the least Poa annua of the 173 entries in the trial. Poa annua can be a troublesome weed, especially under close mowing and high wear.

THE QUALITY LEADER: In nationwide trials, Freedom III placed among the top eight varieties in overall quality (2002 results), handily outscoring Midnight and other varieties from previous (1995) trials.

FAVORITE FROM COAST TO COAST: Freedom III is one of the only Kentucky blues to offer peak

performance throughout the <u>entire</u> bluegrass belt. It beat nearly every other variety across the US/Canadian Northeast, Midwest, Great Plains, Mountain West, Pacific Northwest, and even into the warm-season Transition Zone.

TOUGH TO WEAR OUT: In vigorous shearstrength trials in Massachusetts, Freedom III scored among the toughest, most resilient varieties. For athletic fields, this means firmer footing, more green grass, less bare ground.

YEAR-'ROUND PERFORMER: Freedom III starts out green and dense in the springtime, then gets even better. In early summer it produces fewer seed stalks in the lawn than any other variety. In mid-summer, it generates a clean, brilliantly dark green, pest-free appearance, which it retains well into fall (as late as December). Over a year, you'll find Freedom III's slow vertical growth rate requires fewer mowings than most other Kentucky bluegrasses.

BLENDS WELL: Freedom III's rich color compliments all Jacklin grasses. Plant it at 2-3 lbs./1000 ft² (10-15 g/m²) with other bluegrasses. Mix it with ryegrass at 80% Freedom III, or with tall fescue at 20% Freedom III.

