

NAVIGATOR III

STRONG CREEPING FESCUE

Navigator III is the newest generation Strong Creeping Red Fescue in the lineup. This variety is often the prescription for success in difficult environments that challenge other cultivars. It will perform in shaded and poorly irrigated areas where fertility and pesticide inputs are either lacking or discouraged. Navigator III continues its excellence in turf quality and drought stress while improving its traffic stress and shade tolerance. This variety establishes easily; a bonus for slopes and other areas threatened by erosion. With fewer mowings necessary, it also provides both persistent cover and visual appeal to golf roughs, park like areas and residential turf.

DROUGHT TOLERANCE

STRONG ESTABLISHMENT

TRAFFIC STRESS

SHADE TOLERANT

AREAS OF USE

- Environmentally Sensitive
- Dry, Shaded Areas
- Bluegrass/Ryegrass Mixes
- Slopes, Parks, Reclamation
- Residential Turf

2021 NTEP DATA

Variety	Overall Turf Quality	Shade Tolerance	Fall Color	Drought Tolerance	Turf Quality No Nitrogen
Navigator III	5.8	6.8	6.3	4.7	7.7
Kevin	5.4	6.6	5.7	5.0	6.5
Foxfire II	5.1	6.8	6.3	4.3	6.7
Bye	5.9	6.8	5.0	4.0	7.0
DLF-FRR-3128	5.3	6.5	6.0	3.3	6.0
Boreal	4.4	6.5	5.7	3.7	4.7
LSD	0.6	0.5	1.8	1.6	1.6

SEEDING

For typical situations seed at the rate of 4-5 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. Ski slopes, reclamation, and open turf areas should be seeded at 150-200 lbs. per acre depending on the stand density desired. In mixtures with other cool season species, up to 1/3rd Navigator III may be employed to improve shade tolerance or low fertility performance.

MAINTENANCE

Navigator III germinates after the first week and establishes quickly. It can generally be cut by the third week and maintained at a height of 1" to 3". On slopes and inaccessible areas further maintenance is generally not necessary and mowings can be reduced to one or two per growing season. A starter type fertilizer, used at the time of seeding will hasten establishment.

