

# AST9002 TALL FESCUE

## Description:

AST9002 is a new, elite turf-type tall fescue variety developed to stand up to the environmental stresses that plague tall fescue varieties while providing the ultimate in turf quality. Superior drought tolerance is a key characteristic of AST9002 and it is a top performer in drought trials conducted by NTEP. AST9002 demonstrates improved brown patch resistance and has a very aggressive tillering growth habit which allows the plant to recover quickly from damage. AST9002 has the ability to grow and persist under saline irrigation which is critically important with today's water challenges. AST9002 is a medium-fine textured, dense tall fescue with an outstanding dark green color.

## Uses:

Commercial/Residential lawns • Athletic fields • Recreation areas • Parks/Cemeteries • Golf course roughs • Sod production • Roadsides/Low maintenance turf

## Management:

- Planting Rate (new): 6-8 lbs/1000 square feet  
(existing): 3-4 lbs/1000 square feet
- Planting Dates (spring): March-May  
(fall): August-September
- Soil pH: 5.5-8.0
- Mowing Height: 2-4 inches; increased heights should be utilized during summer months to reduce stress to the plant
- Fertility: 4-7 lbs N/year (refer to soil test for exact amounts needed);  
Minimum N should be applied during summer months to reduce disease activity.

DROUGHT STUDY RATINGS	
NTEP 2008 Progress Report Tall Fescue Cultivar Ratings Brookings, SD Ratings 1-9 9=Best	
Justice	5.8
<b>AST9002</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Gazelle II	5.4
Biltmore	5.2
Falcon NG	5.0
Pedigree	4.9
LSD	0.7

MEAN TURFGRASS QUALITY	
NTEP 2008 Progress Report Tall Fescue Cultivar Ratings Blacksburg, VA Ratings 1-9 9=Best	
Traverse SRP	6.0
<b>AST9002</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Falcon V	5.6
Falcon NG	5.6
Mustang 4	5.4
Tahoe II	5.3
LSD	0.5

MEAN TURFGRASS QUALITY	
NTEP 2008 Progress Report Tall Fescue Cultivar Ratings Ames, IA Ratings 1-9 9=Best	
Shenandoah Elite	7.5
<b>AST9002</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Falcon NG	7.2
Falcon IV	6.8
Magellan	6.8
Tahoe	6.7
LSD	0.8

GENETIC COLOR RATINGS	
NTEP 2008 Progress Report Tall Fescue Cultivar Ratings 20 Locations Ratings 1-9 9=Dark Green	
<b>AST9002</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Crossfire 3	7.3
Terrier	7.0
3rd Millennium SRP	6.8
Falcon V	6.6
Justice	6.5
LSD	0.2

MEAN TURFGRASS QUALITY	
NTEP 2008 Progress Report Tall Fescue Cultivar Ratings Knoxville, TN Ratings 1-9 9=Best	
Shenandoah Elite	7.7
<b>AST9002</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Falcon V	7.5
Speedway	7.5
Monet	7.4
Justice	7.3
LSD	0.5

MEAN TURFGRASS QUALITY	
NTEP 2008 Progress Report Tall Fescue Cultivar Ratings Griffin, GA Ratings 1-9 9=Best	
<b>AST9002</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Cezanne RZ	6.7
Tulsa Time	6.5
Raptor II	6.3
3rd Millennium SRP	6.1
Magellan	6.0
LSD	0.6