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#### RESPONSE OF KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS TO WEAR AND TRAFFIC DURING 2012

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Researchers have employed machines to impart wear or the combined stresses of wear and compaction (traffic) on turfgrass, including Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis* L.), which is commonly established on sports fields grown in temperate climates (Puhalla et al., 1999).

Wear machines, including the Rutgers Wear Simulator (RWS) described by Bonos et al. (2001), are designed to affect aboveground plant parts such as leaves, stems, and shoots and cause minimal soil compaction. Traffic simulators have been designed to generate both wear and soil compaction similar to those stresses resulting from sports field play with cleated shoes. The Cady Traffic Simulator (CTS), a machine described by Henderson and coworkers (2005), has recently been used to successfully impart traffic on turf trials.

Park et al. (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011) reported on the tolerance of cultivars and selections comprising the 2005 National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) Kentucky Bluegrass Test to wear caused by the RWS during spring, summer, and fall. A determination of the wear tolerance of newer cultivars and experimental selections since 2005 would be useful. Additionally, it would be beneficial to examine the response of these newer Kentucky bluegrasses to traffic caused by the CTS.

The objectives of this study were to assess the tolerance of Kentucky bluegrass to wear applied with the RWS and traffic applied with the CTS during fall 2012.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

#### **Evaluation Trial**

Eighty-two (82) entries comprising the 2011 NTEP Kentucky bluegrass trial were seeded into 12 x 4 ft plots on 10 October 2011 on a well-drained Nixon loam (sand = 44%; silt = 41%; clay = 15%) at the Rutgers Horticultural Research Farm II in North Brunswick, NJ. Also included in the evaluation were A04-1547, A05-322, A99-2444, 899-447, Bewitched, Diva, H03666, Midnight II, Princeton P-105, and Rhapsody.

Due to the late seeding date, the entire trial was covered with an Evergreen Turf Cover (Hinspergers, Ontario, Canada) from November 2011 to April 2012.

Soil test results from June 2012 indicated that the soil pH was 5.8; soil phosphorous (P) was 235 lb per acre; and soil potassium (K) was 171 lb per acre. Calcitic lime was applied to the test area in accordance with soil test recommendations at 33 lb per 1000 ft² on 12 July 2012. The test was mowed approximately 2 times per week with a reel mower at a height of 1.5 inches. The test was irrigated as necessary to avoid severe drought stress.

Nitrogen (N) applications for 2011 totaled 1.0 lb N per 1000 ft $^2$  (0.5 lb N per 1000 ft $^2$  on 10 October and 8 November 2011). In 2012, 4.7 lb N per 1000 ft $^2$  was applied to the trial (0.5, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4, 0.5, 0.5, 0.7, 0.6, and 0.7 lb N per 1000 ft $^2$  on 10 April, 30

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April, 29 May, 15 June, 17 July, 9 August, 22 August, 5 October, and 6 November 2012, respectively).

#### Wear and Traffic Evaluation

Sixteen passes of wear and traffic were applied as strip-plots across all entries over an eight-week period during fall 2012 (two passes per week during 26 September through 14 November 2012). Wear was applied to approximately one-third of each plot with the RWS, a modified version of the walk-behind machine described by Bonos et al. (2001). The machine was operated at a ground speed of 2.5 miles per hour (mph) and 250 rpm for the paddles. Traffic was applied to approximately one third of each plot with a modified version of the CTS described by Henderson et al. (2005). The CTS consisted of a Toro Greens Aerifier equipped with cleated "feet" and was operated in the forward direction at a speed of 1.0 mph. One-third of each plot did not receive wear or traffic (check).

#### **Plot Evaluation**

Visual turf quality in the absence of wear or traffic stress (i.e., overall appearance, turf color, uniformity, density, mowing quality, reduced rate of vertical growth, leaf texture, and freedom from insect and/or disease damage) was rated on 30 May, 25 June, 26 July, 28 August, 26 September, and 31 October 2012.

Turf establishment was assessed on 15 May 2012 and susceptibility to stem rust disease (caused by *Puccinia graminis*) was evaluated on 16 May and 28 September 2012. A 1 to 9 scale was utilized for these ratings where 9 equaled the best establishment or the least disease susceptibility.

After 16 simulator passes, the section of each plot treated with the RWS and CTS as well as the untreated section were visually assessed for green turf cover using a 1 to 9 scale where 9 equaled the most green turf cover in the plot area. Plots were also evaluated for fullness of turfgrass canopy using a 0 to 100% scale where 100% equaled a full canopy. A Canon PowerShot G12 (Canon USA, Inc., Lake Success, NY) digital camera was positioned to capture images on a box equipped with artificial lighting. Individual digital image size was 1600 x 1064 pixels and camera settings included a shutter speed of 1/40 s, and aperture of F2.8, and ISO of 100 and a focal length of 7 mm.

Images were imported into SigmaScan Pro (v. 5.0, SPSS, Inc., Chicago, IL) for digital image analysis (DIA). Percent green cover was determined according to methods described by Richardson et al. (2001) using batch analysis programming developed by Karcher and Richardson (2005). A hue range of 50 to 107 and a saturation range of 0 to 100 were used in the software to identify green leaves in the images.

The check, RWS-, and CTS-treated plots were analyzed separately. The experimental design was a randomized complete block design with three replications. All data were subjected to analysis of variance and means were separated using the Fisher's protected least significant difference (LSD) test at p < 0.05.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### Response of Kentucky Bluegrass to Wear and Traffic During Fall 2012

The RWS caused the most severe damage to Kentucky bluegrass cultivars and experimental selections. After 16 RWS passes, only BAR VV 0709, Pp 10847, J-1770, Nu Chicago, AKB 2282, J-1853, and SRX 5321 had green turf cover (1 to 9 scale)  $\geq$  5.0 (Table 1). Fifty-two entries were determined to be in the lowest statistical category for green turf cover and all had a rating < 3.0. In contrast, after 16 passes of the CTS, 52 entries had green turf cover  $\geq$  5.0 and only 11 entries were rated < 3.0.

Following 16 passes of the RWS and CTS, the best green turf cover was exhibited by BAR VV 0709, J-1770, and Pp 10847 (Table 1). The poorest green turf cover after operation of the two machines was exhibited by BAR Pp 119326, BAR 12PP 612, Blackjack, 3733, PST-07-261, Pick TD9, PpH 9131, A04-1547, A06-47, PST-K4-7, PST-K9-97, PST-K4-3, PST-K9-90, and A05-329.

BAR VV 0709 had the best fullness of turfgrass canopy (0 to 100% scale) after 16 passes of the RWS and CTS (wear and traffic stresses, respectively) (Table 1). PST-K9-97, PST-K9-90, PST-K4-3, and A05-329 had the poorest fullness of turfgrass canopy after 16 RWS and CTS passes.

Entries that exhibited the best percent green cover determined by digital image analysis at the

conclusion of operation of the two machines during fall 2012 were J-1770, Award, BAR VV 0709, A06-46, Nu Chicago, RAD-849, A05-TB-382, A05-322, Princeton 105, A99-447, A03-1017, Diva, Midnight II, A99-2444, J-1853, and Pick 4340 (Table 1). Conversely, PST-K4-3, A05-329, A06-47, PST-K9-97, and PST-K9-90 had the poorest present green cover after 16 passes of the RWS and CTS.

BAR VV 0709 had the best green turf cover (1 to 9 scale), percent green cover measured by DIA, and fullness of turfgrass canopy following operation of the RWS and CTS during fall 2012 (Table 1). PST-K9-97, PST-K9-90, PST-K4-3, and A05-329 had the poorest green turf cover, percent green cover, and fullness of turfgrass canopy after operation of the CTS and RWS.

#### **Entry Performance Without Wear and Traffic**

Kentucky bluegrass cultivars and selections with the best average turfgrass quality during 2012 were Bewitched, BAR VV 0709, H03556, A00-4199, H99-1653, Pp 10847, Skye, A04-38, A06-26, A05-315, J-1770, A03-1017, Thermal Blue, PST-T10-18, A05-999, Diva, BAR 8PP 504, J-1853, Pick 033, Blue Note, A05-306, RAD-849, Nu Chicago, A05-361, Pick 4340, AKB 2282, A01-1106, Pick TD8, A04-36, A06-46, and BAR Pp 110358 (Table 2). The poorest average turf quality during 2012 was exhibited by Burl 06-11, BAR 12PP 612, 4S2W, A06-47, AKB 2555, PST-K9-97, Award, A05-204, Empire, Pick TD9, 3733, and A05-329.

Entries exhibiting the best turfgrass establishment on 15 May 2012 were H99-1653, BAR VV 0709, H03556, A04-1547, and PST-T10-18 (Table 2). Entries with the poorest turf establishment were Burl 06-11, Midnight II, 3733, and Award.

Damage from stem rust was evident on more entries on 16 May 2012 than 28 September 2012 (Table 2). This may have been influenced by the covering of the trial area during winter. The level of damage from stem rust was season-dependent for some entries. For example, America, Cabernet, and 4S2W were among the most susceptible on 16 May 2012 but were among entries with the least stem rust on 28 September 2012. In contrast, PST-K9-97, PST-K9-90, PST-K4-3, and Blackjack were among entries with the most severe stem rust on 28 September 2012, but were among the least affected

on 16 May 2012. The entries with the least stem rust on both 16 May and 28 September were BAR VV 0709, RAD-849, Thermal Blue, PpH 9131, A04-74, RAD-507, Burl 06-11, H03556, H99-1653, BAR VV 118532, Pick TD8, A98-363, and A06-26.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

Differences in wear and traffic tolerance were observed among Kentucky bluegrass cultivars and experimental selections during 2012. Characteristics such as turfgrass quality, disease susceptibility (i.e. stem rust), spring green-up, wear tolerance, and recovery should be taken into consideration when selecting Kentucky bluegrass for use on sports and recreational turf.

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Table 1. Performance of Kentucky bluegrass cultivars and selections after 16 passes of the Rutgers Wear Simulator, Cady Traffic Simulator, and without wear or traffic stress in November 2012 at North Brunswick, NJ. (Includes all entries of the 2011 National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) Kentucky Bluegrass Test.)

		Rutge	rs Wear Simu	ılator	Ca	dy Traffic Simul	ator	Check			
				Percent			Percent			Percent	
	Cultivar or	Green	Fullness of	Green	Green	Fullness of	Green	Green	Fullness of	Green	
	Selection	Cover¹ T	urf Canopy <sup>2</sup>	Cover <sup>3</sup>	Cover	Turf Canopy	Cover	Cover	Turf Canopy	Cover	
		1 to 9 scale	0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 sca	le0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 sca	le0 to 100%	% scale	
1	BAR VV 0709	7.3	70.0	51.9	7.0	71.7	56.9	8.7	98.3	72.5	
2	AKB 2282	5.0	50.0	37.4	7.7	71.7	62.4	8.0	70.0	69.2	
3	A03-1017	4.3	43.3	47.5	7.0	61.7	71.0	9.0	81.7	78.8	
4	BAR Pp 110358	3.0	30.0	34.2	6.7	61.7	67.2	9.0	90.0	81.0	
5	Pp 10847	6.0	53.3	45.1	6.3	60.0	51.7	8.0	83.3	66.9	
6	J-1770	6.0	46.7	55.3	7.0	55.0	63.2	9.0	86.7	72.3	
7	BAR 8PP 504	3.3	38.3	41.0	6.7	55.0	60.2	8.7	86.7	64.2	
8	Pick 4340	3.7	31.7	45.7	6.0	55.0	62.7	9.0	76.7	78.7	
9	SRX 4338	3.3	28.3	42.7	6.7	55.0	58.4	8.7	70.0	74.9	
10	A05-999	3.3	45.0	27.2	6.3	53.3	49.1	9.0	85.0	62.7	
11	J-1853	5.0	36.7	45.8	6.3	53.3	63.1	8.3	66.7	66.4	
12	BAR VV 112916	2.0	26.7	26.5	6.7	53.3	54.5	8.3	71.7	67.5	
13	Midnight	4.3	43.3	45.0	5.7	51.7	60.8	9.0	73.3	77.9	
14	Diva	4.3	40.0	47.0	6.3	51.7	69.1	8.7	66.7	81.3	
15	SRX 2758	4.0	38.3	42.0	6.3	51.7	57.0	9.0	75.0	73.8	
16	Bewitched	4.3	36.7	41.5	5.7	51.7	59.6	9.0	85.0	74.5	
17	RAD-849	4.0	33.3	51.1	6.7	51.7	63.3	8.7	76.7	76.9	
18	Skye	2.7	28.3	30.5	6.0	51.7	54.8	8.3	78.3	69.9	
19	A00-4199	2.3	36.7	31.8	6.0	50.0	49.1	8.7	90.0	61.5	
20	Nu Chicago	5.3	41.7	51.3	6.3	48.3	60.6	9.0	86.7	79.3	

Table 1. Kentucky bluegrass subject to wear, NTEP (continued).

		Rutge	rs Wear Simu		Ca	dy Traffic Simul		Check			
	0.46	0	E. II.	Percent	0	F	Percent	0	F. Illiana and	Percent	
	Cultivar or		Fullness of	Green	Green	Fullness of	Green	Green	Fullness of	Green	
	Selection	Cover¹ T	urf Canopy <sup>2</sup>	Cover <sup>3</sup>	Cover	Turf Canopy	Cover	Cover	Turf Canopy	Cover	
		1 to 9 scale	0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 sca	le0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 sca	le0 to 100%	% scale	
21	A05-315	4.0	35.0	43.4	7.0	48.3	58.4	8.7	78.3	72.2	
22	H03556	1.0	10.0	22.8	5.3	48.3	52.4	9.0	81.7	66.2	
23	Award	4.7	38.3	52.6	5.0	46.7	59.9	8.7	75.0	79.1	
24	Princeton 105	4.0	35.0	48.2	6.3	46.7	66.2	9.0	75.0	79.0	
25	A05-322	4.3	31.7	48.3	6.0	46.7	67.2	9.0	71.7	82.7	
26	SRX 5321	5.0	40.0	41.5	6.3	45.0	57.3	8.3	65.0	69.8	
27	J-1136	4.7	33.3	43.8	6.0	45.0	51.6	8.7	70.0	69.3	
28	A05-306	3.0	33.3	39.5	5.7	45.0	55.0	8.0	85.0	66.9	
29	Cabernet	2.7	26.7	42.1	5.0	45.0	53.2	8.7	71.7	76.3	
30	Pick 033	2.3	25.0	39.7	5.7	45.0	51.6	8.7	80.0	78.5	
31	A04-38	3.3	36.7	40.0	5.7	43.3	46.1	8.3	81.7	70.7	
32	PST-K9-99	2.7	35.0	35.4	5.0	43.3	47.5	6.3	58.3	54.5	
33	Pick TD8	3.3	31.7	43.8	5.7	43.3	60.4	8.0	56.7	73.0	
34	A04-342	3.0	31.7	42.5	5.3	43.3	60.0	9.0	68.3	80.2	
35	Sudden Impact	3.7	31.7	38.7	5.3	43.3	48.1	8.7	71.7	68.5	
36	A06-46	4.3	30.0	51.3	6.3	43.3	69.3	8.7	63.3	80.9	
37	Blue Note	2.7	30.0	36.2	5.0	43.3	56.6	9.0	78.3	73.5	
38	A99-447	2.7	23.3	47.9	5.7	43.3	68.3	9.0	61.7	83.6	
39	Midnight II	4.7	43.3	46.2	5.7	41.7	62.7	9.0	68.3	75.7	
40	A04-36	3.7	36.7	35.7	5.7	41.7	51.2	7.7	60.0	68.1	

Table 1. Kentucky bluegrass subject to wear, NTEP (continued).

		Rutge	rs Wear Simu	ulator Percent	Cad	ly Traffic Simul	lator Percent		PeckPercent			
	Cultivar or		Fullness of	Green	Green	Fullness of	Green	Green	Fullness of	Green		
	Selection	Cover <sup>1</sup> T	urf Canopy <sup>2</sup>	Cover <sup>3</sup>	Cover	Turf Canopy	Cover	Cover	Turf Canopy	Cover		
		1 to 9 scale	0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 scale	e0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 sca	le0 to 100%	% scale		
41	Shamrock	3.7	33.3	33.5	5.3	41.7	52.8	7.7	66.7	64.7		
42	DPPp 818	3.7	31.7	36.0	5.0	41.7	52.6	8.3	68.3	65.4		
43	Burl 3-51	2.7	26.7	42.8	5.7	41.7	63.5	9.0	55.0	76.7		
44	A05-361	2.3	18.3	37.9	4.7	41.7	57.1	8.3	81.7	77.4		
45	H99-1653	4.0	35.0	41.8	5.7	40.0	56.1	9.0	83.3	76.7		
46	Rhapsody	3.7	31.7	42.1	5.0	40.0	59.1	9.0	66.7	76.0		
47	America	3.0	30.0	37.8	3.7	40.0	50.7	8.0	65.0	74.2		
48	A05-TB-382	3.3	26.7	49.8	5.0	40.0	60.6	9.0	76.7	84.4		
49	Barduke	2.7	26.7	35.6	4.7	40.0	52.1	7.3	70.0	62.0		
50	SRX 466	1.7	15.0	31.0	5.0	40.0	53.9	8.7	55.0	66.0		
51	PST-T10-18	3.7	36.7	44.5	5.0	38.3	57.9	7.3	61.7	70.8		
52	BAR VV 118532	4.0	30.0	44.9	5.7	38.3	63.2	8.3	60.0	76.9		
53	Rush	2.3	26.7	32.4	4.0	38.3	43.9	8.0	81.7	60.0		
54	Avid	2.3	21.7	45.4	5.0	38.3	65.9	8.7	58.3	75.9		
55	Kenblue	2.0	21.7	27.8	4.3	38.3	47.4	8.7	75.0	61.8		
56	Blackjack	1.3	21.7	22.8	3.0	38.3	43.7	6.3	73.3	50.8		
57	Baron	2.3	26.7	32.6	4.3	36.7	43.1	9.0	78.3	66.8		
58	Thermal Blue	2.0	26.7	25.9	4.7	36.7	42.4	7.3	73.3	53.6		
59	BAR Pp 119327	2.3	23.3	30.8	5.0	36.7	44.0	7.0	71.7	57.2		
60	A99-2444	2.7	20.0	45.9	4.7	36.7	63.2	9.0	41.7	79.9		

Table 1. Kentucky bluegrass subject to wear, NTEP (continued).

		Rutg	ers Wear Simu	ulator Percent	Cad	dy Traffic Simul	ator Percent		Check	Percent			
	Cultivar or Selection	Green Cover <sup>1</sup>	Fullness of Turf Canopy <sup>2</sup>	Green Cover <sup>3</sup>	Green Cover	Fullness of Turf Canopy	Green Cover	Green Cover	Fullness of Turf Canopy	Green Cover			
		1 to 9 scale	e0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 sca	le0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 sca	le0 to 100%	% scale			
61	A05-360	2.0	20.0	34.3	4.7	36.7	42.9	8.3	60.0	67.5			
62	A04-74	1.7	18.3	38.2	4.7	36.7	58.8	7.7	45.0	70.0			
63	RAD-1492	2.0	15.0	36.9	5.0	36.7	55.8	8.3	65.0	72.6			
64	Arrowhead	2.0	11.7	29.2	4.3	36.7	48.9	7.3	50.0	65.3			
65	A00-2882	1.0	10.0	25.8	3.7	36.7	40.6	7.7	63.3	59.9			
66	A06-26	2.7	23.3	36.6	4.7	35.0	50.8	8.7	53.3	74.1			
67	RAD-507	2.0	15.0	36.2	4.0	35.0	53.1	7.3	40.0	66.0			
68	A01-1106	1.7	13.3	23.3	3.3	35.0	41.0	9.0	85.0	68.7			
69	AKB 2555	1.7	23.3	29.8	3.7	33.3	41.0	7.3	55.0	62.8			
70	Pick MD07	1.7	23.3	25.4	4.3	33.3	39.0	7.7	63.3	59.2			
71	A05-204	1.3	15.0	36.4	4.3	33.3	51.6	6.3	38.3	61.0			
72	Pick TD9	1.0	11.7	28.8	2.7	33.3	44.5	7.7	50.0	66.7			
73	PST-K10-106D	1.7	11.7	23.3	4.7	33.3	44.0	8.0	75.0	50.6			
74	4S2W	3.3	35.0	32.7	3.3	31.7	44.2	8.0	56.7	61.3			
75	A10-1	2.3	28.3	46.0	4.7	31.7	53.2	8.3	60.0	78.2			
76	PpH 9131	2.0	21.7	26.9	2.7	31.7	35.7	6.3	50.0	60.1			
77	LTP-08-6	2.3	20.0	36.5	4.3	31.7	50.5	8.3	48.3	65.7			
78	A98-344	2.0	18.3	35.4	3.7	31.7	52.0	8.0	46.7	72.6			
79	BAR 12PP 612	2.7	18.3	28.1	3.0	31.7	42.4	6.3	58.3	51.5			
80	PST-07-261	1.3	6.7	19.2	2.7	31.7	37.1	8.0	58.3	63.2			

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Table 1. Kentucky bluegrass subject to wear, NTEP (continued).

		Rutge	ers Wear Simu		Cad	y Traffic Simu			Check	Percent
	Cultivar or Selection	Green Cover <sup>1</sup>	Fullness of Turf Canopy <sup>2</sup>	Percent Green Cover <sup>3</sup>	Green Cover	Fullness of Turf Canopy	Percent Green Cover	Green Cover	Fullness of Turf Canopy	Green Cover
		1 to 9 scale	e0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 scale	e0 to 100%	scale	1 to 9 scal	e0 to 100%	% scale
81	Empire	2.0	16.7	36.2	4.0	30.0	58.4	8.0	38.3	72.2
82	A98-363	1.7	13.3	34.9	4.0	30.0	53.8	7.7	50.0	72.3
83	Burl 06-11	1.7	18.3	35.0	4.7	28.3	58.0	9.0	46.7	74.9
84	BAR Pp 119326	2.0	15.0	25.2	3.0	26.7	29.2	6.7	51.7	51.5
85	PST-K4-7	1.7	16.7	26.5	2.0	25.0	32.5	5.7	41.7	51.6
86	A04-1547	2.3	28.3	27.8	2.3	21.7	37.9	6.3	55.0	58.4
87	3733	1.3	11.7	34.1	2.7	21.7	46.9	8.0	46.7	67.9
88	A06-47	1.3	8.3	18.7	2.3	21.7	31.7	4.7	30.0	45.7
89	PST-K9-97	1.0	8.3	17.3	1.0	15.0	25.6	6.3	60.0	52.1
90	PST-K9-90	1.0	5.0	14.5	1.0	11.7	21.2	5.3	55.0	37.4
91	PST-K4-3	1.0	5.0	20.5	1.0	8.3	24.2	6.0	36.7	39.9
92	A05-329	1.0	5.0	20.4	1.0	6.7	25.6	5.0	36.7	53.2
	LSD at 5% =	1.8	13.8	9.6	2.0	14.7	14.9	1.3	22.7	11.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>9 = most green cover

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>100% = full canopy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>100% = complete green cover as measured by digital image analysis

Table 2. Performance of Kentucky bluegrass cultivars and selections without wear or traffic stress in a turf trial established in October 2011 at North Brunswick, NJ. (Includes all entries of the 2011 National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) Kentucky Bluegrass Test.)

				T	f O	1:41			Establish-		- D43
	Cultivar or	2012	 May	June	fgrass Qua July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	ment <sup>2</sup> 15 May	Ster 16 May	n Rust³ 28 Sept
	Selection	Avg.	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012
1	Bewitched	6.4	5.0	4.7	6.3	8.3	7.7	6.3	4.7	4.7	8.0
2	BAR VV 0709	6.2	4.7	6.0	7.0	7.7	6.3	5.7	9.0	8.7	9.0
3	H03556	6.1	5.3	6.7	7.0	7.0	5.7	5.0	8.7	8.3	8.0
4	A00-4199	6.0	3.3	5.3	6.7	8.3	6.7	5.3	6.7	3.7	9.0
5	H99-1653	5.9	5.0	5.7	6.3	7.0	6.7	5.0	9.0	8.0	9.0
6	Skye	5.9	4.7	5.3	6.3	7.7	6.3	5.0	6.3	6.7	8.3
7	Pp 10847	5.9	4.3	6.7	6.7	7.0	6.0	4.7	6.0	7.0	8.0
8	A04-38	5.7	3.7	5.0	6.0	7.7	6.7	5.3	6.3	6.7	8.7
9	A06-26	5.7	5.0	4.7	6.3	8.0	6.3	3.7	4.7	7.7	8.3
10	A05-315	5.6	3.7	4.7	6.0	7.3	6.3	5.7	6.3	6.7	9.0
11	J-1770	5.6	3.7	4.7	5.3	6.3	7.3	6.3	4.3	5.3	9.0
12	A03-1017	5.6	2.7	4.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	6.7	4.7	3.7	9.0
13	Thermal Blue	5.6	6.7	5.7	6.7	5.7	4.7	4.0	6.7	8.7	8.3
14	A05-999	5.5	5.0	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.0	7.0	7.0	6.7
15	PST-T10-18	5.5	5.7	5.7	6.3	7.0	4.7	3.7	7.7	7.3	9.0
16	Diva	5.4	4.7	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.0	5.7	6.7	7.0	9.0
7	J-1853	5.3	4.0	4.3	5.0	7.3	6.3	5.0	5.0	6.0	9.0
18	BAR 8PP 504	5.3	4.0	5.7	6.3	5.0	6.0	5.0	6.7	7.0	8.0
9	Pick 033	5.3	4.3	4.7	5.0	6.3	5.3	6.0	4.3	5.0	9.0
20	Blue Note	5.3	3.7	4.3	5.3	6.0	6.0	6.3	5.3	6.0	8.7
21	RAD-849	5.3	5.0	4.3	5.3	6.3	5.7	5.0	6.7	8.7	8.3
	A05-306	5.3	4.0	5.0	6.7	6.7	5.3	4.0	6.7	7.0	7.7
23	Nu Chicago	5.2	3.3	4.0	4.3	6.0	7.3	6.3	5.0	4.0	9.0
24	A05-361	5.2	3.3	3.7	4.3	6.7	7.0	6.0	4.7	4.7	9.0
25	A01-1106	5.1	3.7	4.0	4.3	6.0	6.0	6.7	6.3	6.0	8.0
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Table 2. Kentucky bluegrass trial without wear or traffic stress, NTEP (continued).

			Establish- Turfgrass Quality¹ ment²								Stem Rust <sup>3</sup>		
	Cultivar or Selection	2012 Avg.	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Aug. 2012	Sept. 2012	Oct. 2012	15 May 2012	16 May 2012	28 Sept. 2012		
26	Pick 4340	5.1	3.7	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.7	6.7	4.3	5.3	9.0		
27	AKB 2282	5.1	4.3	3.0	4.7	6.3	6.7	5.7	3.3	7.3	7.7		
28	Pick TD8	5.1	4.7	4.0	5.7	6.0	5.7	4.7	5.3	8.0	8.3		
29	A04-36	5.1	4.0	4.3	6.0	7.0	5.3	4.0	5.7	6.7	9.0		
30	BAR Pp 110358	5.1	2.3	4.3	4.7	5.3	6.0	7.7	7.3	6.0	8.3		
31	A06-46	5.1	4.7	5.0	4.3	5.3	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	9.0		
32	A04-342	5.0	3.3	3.7	4.7	6.7	6.0	6.0	3.3	4.0	9.0		
33	SRX 2758	4.8	3.0	4.0	4.3	4.7	7.3	5.7	4.3	4.3	8.0		
34	A05-TB-382	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.3	6.3	5.3	4.7	5.7	6.7	8.7		
35	PST-07-261	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.0	5.7	4.0	5.0	9.0	7.0		
36	Midnight	4.8	3.3	3.3	3.3	5.3	6.3	7.0	3.3	5.3	9.0		
37	A99-447	4.8	4.0	3.3	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.7	5.0	4.7	8.7		
38	A05-360	4.8	3.7	4.7	5.0	6.0	4.7	4.7	5.3	4.0	6.0		
39	Rush	4.8	3.3	3.7	4.7	6.7	6.3	4.0	4.7	4.3	8.0		
40	PST-K9-90	4.8	3.7	4.0	5.7	7.7	5.3	2.3	3.7	9.0	3.3		
41	RAD-1492	4.7	4.0	4.7	5.3	5.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	8.7	7.3		
42	Rhapsody	4.7	2.7	3.3	5.0	5.7	5.7	5.7	3.3	5.0	9.0		
43	SRX 4338	4.7	3.0	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.7	6.0	9.0		
44	BAR Pp 119327	4.7	3.0	4.7	5.0	5.7	5.7	4.0	3.7	5.7	7.7		
45	BAR VV 118532	4.7	5.3	4.3	4.7	5.3	4.3	4.0	6.7	8.0	8.3		
46	SRX 5321	4.6	4.0	3.7	5.0	4.7	6.0	4.7	4.0	5.0	8.3		
47	Princeton 105	4.6	3.0	4.0	4.3	6.0	4.7	5.3	5.0	4.7	8.3		
48	A04-1547	4.6	2.7	5.7	6.7	5.7	4.0	2.7	8.0	4.0	8.0		
49	A05-322	4.5	3.7	3.3	4.7	5.3	4.3	5.7	3.7	7.0	8.0		
50	Sudden Impact	4.5	3.3	3.7	4.7	5.7	5.3	4.3	4.3	5.0	9.0		

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Table 2. Kentucky bluegrass trial without wear or traffic stress, NTEP (continued).

	Cultivar or	Establish Turfgrass Quality¹ ment²								- Stem Rust <sup>3</sup>		
	Selection	2012 Avg.	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Aug. 2012	Sept. 2012	Oct. 2012	15 May 2012	16 May 2012	28 Sept. 2012	
51	Shamrock	4.5	2.7	4.3	5.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	5.7	6.3	8.3	
52	J-1136	4.4	2.3	2.7	4.0	6.0	6.7	4.7	3.7	4.3	9.0	
53	A10-1	4.4	4.0	3.3	5.3	4.7	5.3	3.7	4.7	5.3	8.0	
54	PST-K10-106D	4.4	2.0	4.0	5.3	6.7	4.3	4.0	7.3	3.7	4.7	
55	Cabernet	4.3	3.3	4.7	4.7	6.0	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.3	7.7	
56	BAR VV 112916	4.3	3.0	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.0	3.0	6.7	5.3	9.0	
57	Baron	4.2	3.7	3.7	5.0	4.3	4.7	4.0	3.7	6.0	8.7	
58	BAR Pp 119326	4.2	5.7	4.7	4.7	4.3	3.0	2.7	6.0	8.7	7.3	
59	PST-K4-3	4.1	4.7	4.7	4.7	6.0	3.0	1.7	5.0	9.0	3.0	
60	SRX 466	4.1	3.0	3.7	3.7	4.3	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.0	6.3	
61	PST-K9-99	4.1	3.0	3.0	4.7	5.7	5.0	3.0	3.7	6.3	7.3	
62	Blackjack	4.1	6.0	6.3	4.0	3.7	2.3	2.0	7.0	8.0	3.7	
63	Midnight II	4.0	1.7	2.0	4.0	5.3	5.0	6.0	2.3	5.0	9.0	
64	A00-2882	4.0	3.3	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.3	4.3	5.0	4.3	7.3	
65	A98-363	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	
66	Barduke	4.0	3.0	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.7	5.3	8.3	
67	LTP-08-6	3.9	3.7	2.7	4.3	5.0	4.7	3.3	3.3	5.7	8.0	
68	Kenblue	3.9	2.7	4.7	5.3	5.0	3.0	3.0	7.3	3.7	8.0	
69	PpH 9131	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.7	5.0	3.7	2.0	4.3	8.7	8.3	
70	DPPp 818	3.8	3.0	3.3	5.0	4.3	4.3	3.0	4.3	4.7	7.7	
71	Arrowhead	3.7	2.3	2.7	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.3	6.3	
72	PST-K4-7	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.0	2.0	4.7	9.0	6.0	
73	A98-344	3.5	3.0	2.3	4.3	4.0	4.3	3.3	4.0	5.0	7.0	
74	America	3.5	2.3	2.7	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.3	8.7	
75	Pick MD07	3.4	2.0	2.7	4.3	4.3	3.7	3.3	3.7	4.0	7.0	

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Table 2. Kentucky bluegrass trial without wear or traffic stress, NTEP (continued).

				Tur	farace Oua	lity1	Turfgrass Quality¹						
	Cultivar or Selection	2012 Avg.	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Aug. 2012	Sept. 2012	Oct. 2012	ment <sup>2</sup> 15 May 2012	16 May 2012	n Rust³ 28 Sept. 2012		
76	A04-74	3.4	3.3	2.3	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.3	8.7	8.0		
77	A99-2444	3.4	3.7	2.3	3.7	3.0	3.7	4.0	4.0	5.7	8.7		
78	Avid	3.3	2.0	2.3	4.0	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.3	4.7	7.3		
79	RAD-507	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.7	4.0	2.7	2.7	4.3	8.3	8.3		
80	Burl 3-51	3.3	3.0	2.3	3.7	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.0	6.3	8.7		
81	Burl 06-11	3.2	2.7	2.0	3.7	3.7	3.0	4.3	2.7	8.3	8.3		
82	BAR 12PP 612	3.2	2.3	2.0	3.3	4.3	4.7	2.3	4.3	7.0	6.0		
83	4S2W	3.1	2.0	2.7	4.0	4.0	3.7	2.7	3.7	3.3	7.7		
84	A06-47	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.7	4.3	3.0	1.7	3.3	6.0	7.0		
85	AKB 2555	3.0	2.7	2.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.3	7.3	6.0		
86	PST-K9-97	3.0	2.3	2.0	3.3	5.0	3.0	2.3	4.0	9.0	3.3		
87	Award	2.9	1.0	1.3	2.3	3.3	4.0	5.7	1.3	7.0	9.0		
88	A05-204	2.9	3.0	2.0	3.7	3.3	2.7	2.7	4.0	7.3	9.0		
89	Empire	2.5	1.3	2.0	3.3	2.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.3	8.0		
90	Pick TD9	2.0	1.0	2.3	2.3	3.3	1.3	2.0	6.3	2.0	6.0		
91	3733	2.0	1.3	1.3	2.3	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.7	7.0	8.7		
92	A05-329	1.9	1.7	1.3	3.0	2.7	1.3	1.3	3.3	4.3	2.3		
	LSD at 5% =	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.4		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>9 = best turf quality <sup>2</sup>9 = best establishment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>9 = least disease