



Festuca rubra var. commutata

7 Seas is a fine fescue developed for improved shade tolerance and resistance to powdery mildew. Its appearance and performance are similar to Jamestown and Shadow except that 7 Seas is resistant to powdery mildew and rust. 7 Seas has a medium-dark green color and a blade width and heat tolerance comparable to Jamestown. When used at 10-12 percent in overseeding mixtures on golf courses with perennial ryegrass, 7 Seas provides a true putting surface, absent of grain. It has also shown to ease the spring transition on bermudagrass greens. It is ideal when used in a natural setting and cut once or twice a year.

Characteristics:

- Medium-dark green color
- Improved shade tolerance
- Resistant to powdery mildew and rust
- Good overall disease resistance

Recommended Use, when combined with other species:

Golf Courses (outer roughs), Athletic Fields, Parks, Home Lawns, and Sod Farms

Climatic Zones:

3, 5, 6, 7 (may not be adaptable to all areas within each climatic zone)

Establishment & Maintenance:

7 Seas performs best in soils with a pH of 6.5 to 8. It has a low to moderate nitrogen requirement with 1-2 pounds of actual N per 1000 square feet per year is adequate in most situations. **7 Seas's** optimum mowing height is 2.0 – 3.0 inches but can be adjusted higher or lower depending upon maintenance practices and intended use. **7 Seas** performs best on sandy soils with adequate drainage. The fine fescues do not perform well in compacted wet soils.

Seeding Rates:

Monostand	4-5 lbs./1000 sq. ft.
Overseed Mixtures	15-30 lbs./1000 sq. ft.
Putting Green Mixes	25-35 lbs/1000 sq. ft.

This variety was bred and developed at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.