



## Read the Label Before You Buy Grass Seed

Can you tell a fescue seed from a weed seed? If not ... you'll need to look at the label before purchasing your grass seed. The label tells you a lot of valuable information including how much good seed is contained in each bag and if the bag contains any weed seed and those amounts. Each bag of grass seed that we offer has a tag that certifies the following information found on the label:

- The **variety** or varieties of fescue seed in the bag and their percentages.
- Percent of **germination**, which is how much of this seed will actually grow.
- **Crop seed**, which could include seed such as ryegrass, bentgrass, bermudagrass or orchardgrass. Some (like orchardgrass) are very difficult to control.
- **Inert matter**, which is basically anything that's not viable seed of some sort.
- **Weed seed** (noxious), which may be impossible to control without non-selective herbicides.

### JOHNSON'S BLUE RIBBON TALL FESCUE BLEND

PURE SEED	KIND	GERM	ORIGIN	
29.81%	DYNAMITE G-LS TALL FESCUE	90%	OR	0.00% OTHER CROP
29.74%	FIRECRACKER G-LS TALL FESCUE	90%	OR	0.71% INERT MATTER
19.98%	TITANIUM G-LS TALL FESCUE	90%	OR	0.00% WEED SEED
19.76%	STEALTH TALL FESCUE	90%	OR	NO NOXIOUS WEED FOUND
JOHNSON'S GARDEN CENTERS • WICHITA, KS				<b>LOT: M6-23-GSWTF-7</b>
				TESTED: 07/2024

If you compare labels, you'll understand why we always recommend **Johnson's Blue Ribbon Tall Fescue Blend**. For starters, this blend uses only fescue varieties that have been tested in Kansas and are the best varieties available for this area (the varieties may change due to availability and continued testing). Other brands of fescue blend use the lowest cost fescues available, and chances are those varieties don't test well in this area.

**Johnson's Blue Ribbon Tall Fescue Blend** also has a high rate of germination, and virtually no weed seed. Compare our label with other well-advertised grass seed sold here in Wichita ... and remember that the more weed seed you buy, the more problems you'll have controlling weeds later in the season.

If the label doesn't convince you, maybe the math will ... because as little as 1% weed seed can destroy an otherwise good bag of grass seed. Here's how it figures for ryegrass, a common weed seed found in fescue:

**EXAMPLE:** 1% ryegrass (weed) in a 25 lb. bag of fescue  
 1% of 25 lbs. = 1/4 lb. weed seed

Ryegrass has 250,000 seeds per pound

1/4 lb. x 250,000 = 62,500 seeds of ryegrass in a 25 lb. bag of fescue seed

If that 25 lb. bag of fescue is spread over 5,000 sq. ft., it puts down 12.5 weed seeds per sq. ft. That would equal nine weeds in a patch of lawn the size of this paper.

So remember the old adage "you get what you pay for" when shopping for grass seed. Spend a little extra now, and you will save yourself time, money and a big headache later.

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## What You See ... Is What You Get!

When it comes to purchasing grass seed ... **QUALITY COUNTS** ... because the quality of the seed determines the quality of your lawn. Look for a seed with a high germination percent. Also, check the label for the percent of weed seed and other filler. Even 1% weed seed in a 25 lb. bag of grass seed translates into a **QUARTER POUND OF WEED SEEDS**. That's a lot of weeds to contend with in your quest for the perfect lawn. Just check the actual labels below and remember that "what you see is what you get."

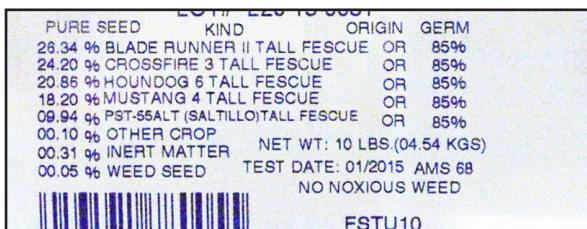
### WE RECOMMEND:

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Germination .....	<b>90%</b>	
Inert Matter .....	<b>0.71%</b>	
Other Crop Seed .....	<b>0.00%</b>	
Weed Seed .....	<b>0.00%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.00%
Noxious Weed Seeds / Pound ...	<b>NONE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>WEEDS!!</b>

### COMPARED TO THESE TWO LABELS FROM "BRAND X" SEED:



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