



SUBJECT: 2020 National Fineleaf Fescue Test  
TO: Seed Companies and Breeders  
FROM: Kevin N. Morris, Executive Director  
DATE: June 15, 2020

Plans have been finalized for the upcoming national fineleaf fescue test sponsored by the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP).

The following gives the details concerning this test. Please complete the enclosed Test Entry Application Form and Sponsorship Agreement for each entry you wish to submit. The first payment for testing is due when the seed is shipped to us. Please make checks payable to the "National Turfgrass Evaluation Program" in \$US only.

**PLEASE NOTE: The following are important details for entry submission**

1. Experimental entries will be charged a reduced entry fee (\$1,000/year), which will remain at that level until the entry is named or commercialized *in the U.S. or anywhere in the world* (please see details below). Also, entries that have been previously tested by NTEP can be entered at a reduced entry fee (\$1,500/year).
2. This trial will run for five years, therefore, five entry fee payments are required. The overall entry fee is \$10,000 for a commercially available entry.
3. Nine (9) ancillary trial locations will be established. Traffic (three locations), salinity, shade tolerance, high vs. low N levels (two locations), fairway mowing and summer patch tolerance are the ancillary traits to be evaluated. Fifteen (15) standard trial locations will also be established.
4. Our deadline for receipt of seed is August 17th.

The list of the chosen trial locations and details on the ancillary trial parameters, as well as these forms, are posted in the NTEP News Room ([www.ntep.org/newsroom.htm](http://www.ntep.org/newsroom.htm).)

Standard test locations will be maintained using management parameters that are appropriate for each region and will be established by each cooperator. Plot size will be 25 sq. ft. (5' x 5', 4' x 6' or similar size) replicated three times and the seeding rate will be 50 grams per plot (4.4 lbs./1000 sq. ft.). Therefore, we will need **9 lbs.** (4.1 kg) of seed of each entry.

## 2020 NATIONAL FINELEAF FESCUE TEST (page two)

There are now three categories of entries. The following is an explanation of the new entry fee structure:

**Commercial entries (named, commercially produced and/or marketed *in the U.S. or anywhere in the world*):**

\$2,000.00 each entry - when seed is sent to us  
\$2,000.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2021  
\$2,000.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2022  
\$2,000.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2023  
\$2,000.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2024

\$10,000.00 total

**Previously tested entries (have been included in previous NTEP tests):**

\$1,500.00 each entry - when seed is sent to us  
\$1,500.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2021  
\$1,500.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2022  
\$1,500.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2023  
\$1,500.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2024

\$7,500.00 total

**Experimental entries\* (have never been named, commercially produced and/or marketed):**

\$1,000.00 each entry - when seed is sent to us  
\$1,000.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2021  
\$1,000.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2022  
\$1,000.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2023  
\$1,000.00 each entry - on or before May 1, 2024

\$5,000.00 total

**\* If an *Experimental* entry is named, commercially produced or marketed *in the U.S. or anywhere in the world* during the testing period, NTEP will be notified within 30 days by the entry sponsor. At that time, the entry will be reclassified as a *Commercial* entry and the fee will become \$10,000 total for the trial. NTEP will immediately invoice the sponsor or licensee for any past entry fees. Current and future NTEP entry fees will be invoiced at \$2,000 per year. This will expire the date of the last trial data publication.**

## 2020 NATIONAL FINELEAF FESCUE TEST (page three)

The following are guidelines for sending seed for this test:

- a. **9 lbs.** of seed of each entry must be received at Beltsville, MD by August 17th, 2020.
- b. Seed received after August 17th, 2020 but by August 24th, 2020 can be included in this test but a **double (2x)** entry fee will be charged.
- c. Seed received after August 24th, 2020 will **not** be included in this test.
- d. The entire requested amount of seed is needed for an entry to be included in this test. Entries that are received with less than the requested amount of seed will **not** be included in this test.

We encourage good planning in preparing and shipping entries on or before the August 17th deadline. In addition, it would be helpful to send seed earlier than the August 17<sup>th</sup> deadline if possible. Please do not send seed treated with a pesticide. Treated seed will **not** be accepted by the NTEP. Also, please make sure seed is prepaid for shipping charges to Beltsville, MD. The NTEP will **not** pay any additional shipping fees to forward seed to Beltsville.

Please forward all seed, completed application forms and payments to:

Kevin Morris, Executive Director  
National Turfgrass Evaluation Program  
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center-West  
Building 005, Room 307  
Beltsville, Maryland 20705 USA

If any of the above information is unclear, or if you have a question about any aspect of this test, feel free to contact me by phone (301-504-5125), fax (301-504-5167), mobile (301-873-6545) or via email (kmorris@ntep.org).

Thanks for your continued cooperation with NTEP.

Enclosures

2020 NATIONAL FINELEAF FESCUE TEST

TEST ENTRY APPLICATION FORM

(Please complete one for each entry)

Required Information:

1. Variety name or experimental designation \_\_\_\_\_

2. Genus and species name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Entry category

\_\_\_\_\_ Commercial (named, commercially produced and/or marketed in the U.S. or anywhere in the world)

\_\_\_\_\_ Previously tested (has been included in a previous NTEP test)

\_\_\_\_\_ Experimental (has never been named, commercially produced and/or marketed)

PLEASE NOTE:

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4. All previous name(s) or experimental designation(s) this entry has been tested under (for *Previously Tested* entries, please indicate name(s) or experimental designations in past NTEP trials)

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5. Genetic structure, i.e. single plant selection, number of parental clones, composite cross, open pollinated, etc.

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6. Is this variety in commercial production? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what are the prospects of it being made available in the United States in two or three years? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Has seed been treated with a pesticide? \_\_\_\_\_ Treated seed will not be accepted.

8. Name and address of organization sponsoring this entry and contact person

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**Suggested Information:**

1. What is the origin of the entry? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Seed Quality:

a. Seed lot number \_\_\_\_\_

b. Year of production \_\_\_\_\_

c. Location of production \_\_\_\_\_

d. Purity \_\_\_\_\_

e. Germination percent \_\_\_\_\_ Test date \_\_\_\_\_

f. Noxious and objectionable weed or other crop present \_\_\_\_\_

3. Description of entry (merits or limitations) \_\_\_\_\_

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NTEP reserves the right to reject any entry submitted for testing based on:

a. Completeness of information supplied

b. Seed quality, quantity, or presence of pesticide treatment

c. Failure to pay entry fee(s)

**2020 NATIONAL FINELEAF FESCUE TEST**

**SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**

(Please complete one for each entry)

We \_\_\_\_\_ agree to pay the entry fee as indicated  
                     Sponsor

below for \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in the 2020  
   entry name or code

National Fineleaf Fescue Test. By signing this agreement, we also agree to the terms set forth below, stating that if an *Experimental* entry is named, commercialized or marketed *in the U.S. or anywhere in the world*, as noted, NTEP will change the category of this entry to *Commercial*, hence increasing the entry fee to \$10,000.00 total.

Payment will be made to the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program in \$US.

Please check one box indicating the entry category at time of submission:

	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Commercial	Previously Tested	Experimental
When the seed is sent to NTEP	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
On or before May 1, 2021	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
On or before May 1, 2022	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
On or before May 1, 2023	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
On or before May 1, 2024	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,000.00

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Name and address of sponsor:

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Authorized Signature

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Date