

# Babe

## Kentucky Bluegrass

BABE Kentucky bluegrass has some of the attributes similar to the popular varieties Shamrock and Brooklawn Kentucky bluegrass. It has a medium dark green color even under reduced fertility. BABE exhibits early spring greenup characteristics in recent turf trials at Rutgers University research. After winter dormancy, it has the ability to green up rapidly. BABE also ranked at the top among bluegrasses in leaf spot, stem and crown rust disease resistance in testing since 2010.

BABE Kentucky bluegrass is strongly resistant to attacks from fungal disease summer patch, which scars bluegrasses in summer with the typical “frog eye” symptoms, according to the Rutgers University breeding history. Use BABE Kentucky bluegrass as a component in your turfgrass mixes to offer an excellent and economical choice to your customer.

**Seed Specification:**  
**New Lawns:**  
 2 to 3 pounds per 1000 square feet  
 or 90 to 135 # per Acre

**Overseed:**  
 1 to 2 pounds per 1000 square feet  
 or 45 to 90# per Acre

**Dormant Winter Seeding:**  
 same as above

- ◆ Full sun lawn areas
- ◆ Medium to high maintenance
- ◆ Earlier spring greenup
- ◆ Better disease resistance
- ◆ Shamrock X Midnight cross

## Turf Features

**Germination Time** - Medium  
 17 to 21 days is normal in spring and fall with irrigation

**Growth habit** - Very aggressive and high sod strength, rhizomes help recovery and sod knitting

**Drought Tolerance** - Good

**Mowing Height** - from 1 inch fairway cut to 3 inches

**Disease Resistance** - High resistance to leaf spot, rust and summer patch

**Traffic tolerance** - Good

**pH Tolerance**  
 Ranges from 6.0 to 8.0, Ideally at 6.5

**Texture**  
 Medium leaf texture and dwarf vertical growth habit

**Compatibility** - with Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue or perennial ryegrass

**Color** - Medium

**Shade tolerance** - Fair

**Salt tolerance** - Poor

**Endophyte enhanced** - No

**Preferred use** - home lawns, sports fields, golf fairways, tees and roughs, sod production



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