

# Babe

## Kentucky Bluegrass

BABE Kentucky bluegrass has some of the attributes similar to the popular varieties Shamrock and Brooklawn, with a darker color from it's Midnight Kentucky bluegrass parent. It has a improved darker green color even under reduced fertility. BABE exhibits early spring greenup characteristics in recent turf trials in nationwide NTEP research.

BABE performs really well in the traditional bluegrass region of the North Central and North East USA. After winter dormancy, it has the ability to green up rapidly. BABE also ranked at the top among bluegrasses in traffic tolerance, a useful feature for golf and sports turf applications.

BABE Kentucky bluegrass has very good performance versus the fungal diseases dollar spot and summer patch, Use BABE Kentucky bluegrass as a component in your turfgrass mixes to offer an excellent and versatile choice for great looking turf.

- ♦ *Fine leaf texture*
- ♦ *High performer in North Central NTEP*
- ♦ *Early spring greenup in turf*
- ♦ *Better disease resistance*
- ♦ *High NTEP traffic tolerance*
- ♦ *Shamrock X Midnight cross*

## Turf Features

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

**Growth habit** - moderate sod strength, rhizomes help recovery and sod knitting

**Drought Tolerance** - Good

**Mowing Height** - from 1 inch fairway cut to 3 to 4 inches

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

**Traffic tolerance** - Very Good

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

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

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

**Color** - Darker with Midnight as a parent

**Shade tolerance** - Fair

**Salt tolerance** - Poor

**Endophyte enhanced** - No

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

**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



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