

Kentucky Bluegrass Classification*

These charts are for general observation only. Individual performance of varieties within each classification may vary widely and require comparative regional test results to determine the best performing variety.

Type	Description	SRO Offerings	Comparable Varieties
Compact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low, compact growth • High quality turf • 1/2 inch cutting height • Excellent resistance to Leaf Spot • Long winter dormancy • Variable under summer stress • Often purple winter color 	Alpine	Amazon Apex Ascot Avid Bewitched Blacksburg Blackstone Blueberry Blue Max Blue-tastic Broadway Chicago II Conni Diva Glade Golden Goldstar Hallmark Hampton Indigo Moonbeam Moonlight Moonshadow Nugget P-105 Pinot Prosperity Platini Ram I Rhapsody Shiraz Skye Wildwood
Compact Midnight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low, compact growth • 1/2 inch cutting height • High quality turf • Very dark green color • Late spring green-up • Good heat tolerance • Susceptible to Powdery Mildew • Variable resistance to Summer Patch • Many susceptible to Stem and Leaf Rust • Long winter dormancy 	Arcadia Quantum Leap Granite	Absolute Alexa Alexa II Award Awesome Barrister Beyond Blue Moon Blue Velvet Bluestone Courtyard EverGlade Everest Excursion 4-Season Freedom II Freedom III Ginney Impact Liberator Midnight Midnight II Midnight Star NuChicago NuDestiny NuGlade Odyssey Perfection Ridgeline Rhythm Rugby II Sudden Impact Solar Eclipse Total Eclipse Tsunami
Compact America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low, compact growth • 1/2 inch cutting height • High quality turf • Drought tolerant • Finer leaf, higher density • Moderate winter dormancy • Moderate summer recovery • High Summer Patch resistance • Resistant to Powdery Mildew • Good in shade 	Argos Kingfisher Showcase SR 2284	America Apollo Arrow Bedazzled Blue Note Bordeaux Boutique Brilliant Dynamo Glenmont Langara Mallard Mercury Mystique Mystere Royale Royce Sonoma Unique
High Density (Aggressive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggressive lateral growth • High shoot density • Very wear tolerant • Quickly knit sod and repair • May predominate in blend • Variable in other characteristics 	Cheetah Orfeo Starburst Emblem	A-34 Bariris Brunswick Fairfax Julius Limousine Mystic Northstar P-104 Touchdown Washington
Mid-Atlantic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep, extensive roots and rhizomes • Vigorous turf and medium-high density • High summer stress tolerance • Early spring green-up • Good winter performance • Rapid recovery from disease • Leaf Spot susceptible except Touché and Preakness 	Touché	Aura Cabernet Eagleton Livingston Monopoly Plush Preakness Wabash Washington Zinfandel
Texas x Kentucky Hybrids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress tolerant like Mid-Atlantic • Hybrids between Texas & Kentucky Bluegrasses • Heat tolerant • Extensive rhizomes • Drought tolerant with good recovery • Wear tolerant 	Bandera Spitfire	DuraBlue Fahrenheit 90 Fire and Ice Longhorn Reveille Solar Green ThermalBlue ThermalBlueBlaze

Turf Guide for Kentucky Bluegrass

<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>SRO Offerings</i>	<i>Comparable Varieties</i>			
Julia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High turf quality • High density • Good summer performance • Very high wear tolerance • Good Leaf Spot & Stripe Smut resistance • Generally susceptible to Brown Patch & Dollar Spot except for Ulysses, Rampart and Avalanche 	<p>Ulysses Rampart</p>	Avalanche Caliber Ikone	Julia Juliet		
Shamrock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate winter color • Good resistance to Leaf Spot • Good turf quality and sod strength • Billbug susceptible • High seed yields • Less stemmy than BVMG • Strong rhizomes development • Summer performance variable 	<p>SR 2100</p> <p><i>Atlantis</i></p>	Brooklawn Champagne Champlain Concerto Durham Gaelic Guinness	Lakeshore Mongoose Moonshine Parkland Shamrock Wild Horse		
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits traits that are intermediate between groups • Additional study required to classify • Cynthia shows excellent Rust tolerance 	Cynthia	Allure Arrowhead Ascot Baronie Bartitia Baritone Baruzo	Blue Ridge Bronco Buckingham Canterbury Chicago Cardiff Chelsea	Chateau Compact Coventry Explorer Jewel Lily Markham	Misty Monte Carlo NuStar Rita Seabring Sodnet
Bellevue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium growth and shoot density • Medium wide leaves • Excellent winter color • Early spring green-up • Stemmy in spring • Moderate recovery from Summer stress • Good Leaf Spot & Stripe Smut resistance • Susceptible to billbugs 		Banff Bellevue Classic Dawn Freedom	Georgetown Haga Parade Trenton		
CELA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better spring green-up than compact types • Less stemmy than Bellevue • Good turf quality • Good Stripe Smut & Leaf Spot resistance • Variable winter performance 		Challenger Eclipse Jefferson Liberty Rambo			
Cheri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good turf quality • Medium low growth, density and leaf width • Good resistance to Stripe Smut • Good sod strength • Moderate resistance to Leaf Spot • High seed yields • Less stemmy than BVMG types • Moderate winter dormancy 		Cheri Cobalt Serene Sydsport			
BVMG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High seed yields • Medium-good turf • Stripe Smut susceptible • Medium low growth • Medium wide leaf • Very stemmy turf • Poor winter performance • Resistant to Leaf Spot • Billbug susceptible 	<p>Cannon Marquis</p> <p><i>Clearwater</i> <i>Merit</i></p>	Abbey Baron BlueChip BlueStar Crest Dragon Envicta Famous	Fortuna Gnome Goldrush Nassau Raven Victa Viva		
Common Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midwest ecotypes • Erect growth and narrow leaf blades • Good summer stress tolerance • May go dormant during summer • High Leaf Spot susceptibility • Poor winter color and performance • Early seed production • Good for soil stabilization and conservation 	<p><i>Alene</i> <i>Cache</i> <i>Geronimo</i> <i>Kenblue</i> <i>Park</i></p>	Argyle Garfield Geary Ginger Greenley Huntsville Newport	Piedmont Ronde S-21 South Dakota Voyager Wellington		

* Developed from Rutgers turfgrass proceedings and observations by Dr. Leah Brilman