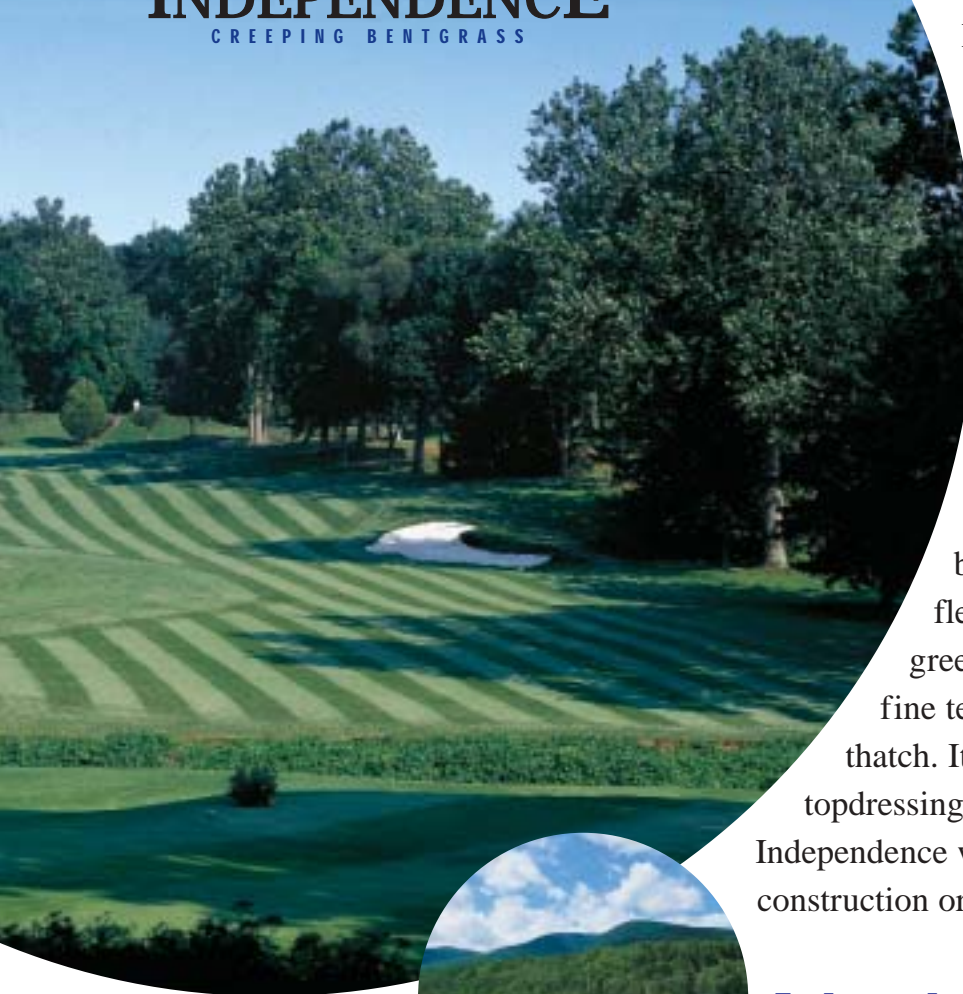


The next generation is here and it is called Independence.



INDEPENDENCE
CREEPING BENTGRASS



Independence Creeping Bentgrass is

a completely new, cutting edge creeping bentgrass developed by Lebanon Turf Products. It ranks with the new elite bentgrasses and delivers higher overall turf quality than the old standards. Independence tied for #3 for overall turf quality in the 2004 NTEP Greens Height trial (25 locations)

Independence is an upright, aggressive, medium dense variety that establishes quickly, is highly resistant to *Poa annua* invasion, and will recover quickly from ball marks and divots. Its mowing height flexibility allows use on fairways, tees, and greens. Independence develops a dense, fine textured turf without developing excessive thatch. Its medium density also allows easier topdressing than other more dense varieties. Independence will be the ultimate choice for new construction or reconstruction projects.

Independence Creeping Bentgrass

- *Improved overall disease resistance*
- *Excellent seedling vigor, fast establishment*
- *Excellent resistance to *Poa annua* invasion*
- *Improved mowing qualities*
- *Medium dark green color*
- *Upright, aggressive growth habit*
- *Excellent for fairways, greens, and tees*
- *The new choice for today's turf manager to meet high expectations with current maintenance practices*

Establishment

- New Seeding rate: 1.0 lb./1000 sq. ft.
- Interseeding rate: 0.25 - 0.5 lb./1000 sq. ft.

Mowing heights

- 0.1 to 0.15 in heights on greens
- Ideal for fairways or tees at higher levels

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2003 NTEP Fairway trial 23 locations

- Tied for #1 overall for Pythium Blight ratings
- Top rated for resistance to Poa annua invasion
- Tied for #3 overall for Brown Patch ratings
- Tied for #3 for spring density
- Very good fall density ratings

2003 NTEP Greens Height trial 25 locations

- Tied for # 3 for overall turf quality
- Tied for #4 overall for Brown Patch ratings
- Excellent fall color rating
- Tied for #3 overall for summer density
- Very good spring green up
- Medium fine leaf texture

Mean Turfgrass Quality ratings of Bentgrass Cultivars Grown on a Green at 10 locations using a 1/8" or lower mowing height

2005 NTEP data - Table 3A

Turfgrass quality ratings 1-9
9 = ideal turf

Declaration	6.8
Authority	6.7
Mackenzie	6.7
Tyee	6.6
CY-2	6.6
Shark	6.6
Penn A-1	6.5
007	6.5
Independence	6.4
Kingpin	6.4
Memorial	6.4
T-1	6.3
LS-44	6.3
13-M	6.2
Benchmark DSR	6.2
IS-Ap 9	6.1
Bengal	6.1
Alpha	6.0
Villa (Velvet)	5.8
Legendary (Velvet)	5.7
Venus (Velvet)	5.7
Greenwich (Velvet)	5.5
Pennlinks II	5.5
SR 7200 (Velvet)	5.3
Vesper (Velvet)	5.3
Penncross	5.0

LSD Value

0.3

NTEP Greens Trial

(Shaded areas represent Velvet Bentgrass)

Brown Patch ratings of bentgrass cultivars grown on a Green.

2005 NTEP data – Table 20A

Brown Patch ratings 1-9
9 = no disease

Greenwich (velvet)	9.0
Legendary (velvet)	9.0
Mackenzie	9.0
SR 7200 (velvet)	9.0
Tyee	9.0
Venus (velvet)	9.0
Vesper (velvet)	9.0
Ville (velvet)	9.0
14-M	8.7
T-1	8.7
Memorial	8.3
007	8.0
Declaration	8.0
Independence	8.0
LS-44	8.0
Alpha	7.7
CY-2	7.7
IS-AP 9	7.7
Shark	7.7
Benchmark DSR	7.3
Penn A-1	7.3
Penncross	7.3
Kingpin	7.0
Authority	6.3
Bengal	6.0
Pennlinks II	4.7

LSD Value

1.5

Summary of Turfgrass Quality Ratings for Bentgrass cultivars in the 2003 National bentgrass. (putting green) test

2005 NTEP data – Appendix table

Turfgrass quality ratings 1-9
9 = ideal turf

Declaration	6.6
CY-2	6.6
Authority	6.6
007 (DSB)	6.5
Mackenzie	6.5
Shark	6.5
Tyee	6.4
T-1	6.4
IS-AP 9	6.4
Memorial	6.4
Independence	6.4
LS-44	6.4
Penn A-1	6.3
Benchmark DSR	6.3
Kingpin	6.3
Alpha	6.2
13-M	6.2
Bengal	6.2
Pennlinks II	5.7
Legendary (velvet)	5.4
Villa (velvet)	5.4
Greenwich (velvet)	5.3
Venus (velvet)	5.3
Penncross	5.2
Vesper (velvet)	5.1
SR 7200 (velvet)	5.1

LSD Value

0.2