

New Bentgrass Nursery at Beltsville Turf Gardens



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More than one hundred selected strains of bentgrass from all over the country are collected here for studies of adaptability to fairway use. The objective is ultimately to produce seed from the superior strains which, when blended and produced commercially, will develop superior fairway turf. Lawns and cemeteries also will benefit from these studies.

"The ideal tee is a large area of turf on the ground level but well drained. On such the turf is much more easily maintained; besides, if the area is large enough the plates can be moved every day. A raised tee is never defensible except to secure visibility.

"Buy your supply of bent seed now. You may not be able to get it later in time to sow between August 15 and September 15.

"Now is a good time to observe grass sown last fall, to see how much of a start it already has over that sown this spring.

"The idea that a bunker must be a hole in the ground is an illusion. It may just as well be an area of loose sand on top of the ground level or even a patch of rough grass. Where sand is expensive and drainage poor, the rough grass patches are very effective.