

TURF TWISTERS

PURE SEED

Question: When purchasing seed, how do you determine the percentage of pure seed that will germinate? (Ohio)

Answer: Multiply the percentage of purity by the germination percentage. This will give you the per cent of pure live seeds.

OF DIFFERENT COLORS

Question: Our greens have been constructed of native soil and sand. Unfortunately the soil was not mixed uniformly; when it becomes cold or freezes, the green presents a mottled appearance. Is this a result of the poor mixing procedure? (Minnesota)

Answer: It is possible, but not probable. The difference in the color on your greens is probably due to differences in the individual grass varieties. Some individual plants continue to grow after the cooler weather arrives, whereas others are inhibited; therefore the off-color appearance is present.

IS NOT AS EXPENSIVE AS SOME WOULD HAVE YOU THINK

Question: Approximately how much material is required to construct a USGA type putting green? (North Carolina)

Answer: The approximate quantity of material required for each 1,000 square feet of surface area of a USGA putting green is:

Tile—100 linear feet.

Gravel—12 to 15 cubic yards.

Sand—6 to 7 cubic yards.

Laboratory-Soil Mix—40 cubic yards.