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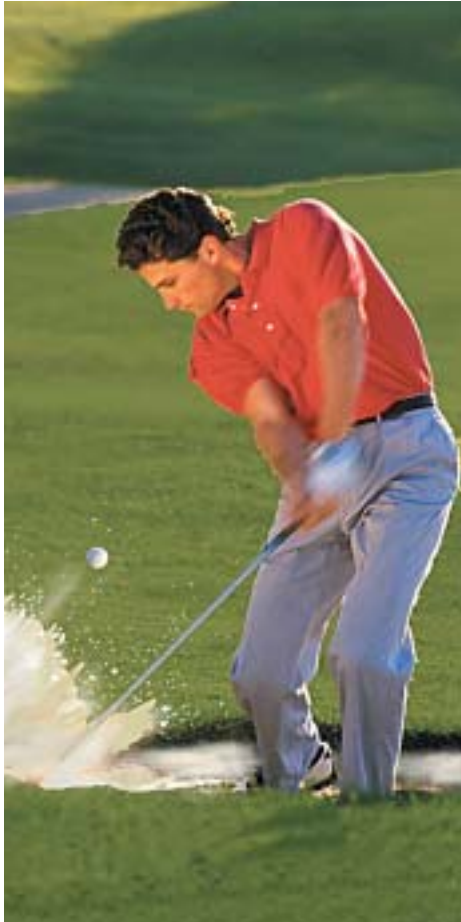
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BACKGROUND & BREEDING



TifSport was developed by USDA/ARS geneticist Dr. Wayne Hanna at the University of Georgia Coastal Plains Experiment Station in Tifton, Georgia. This is the same breeding program initiated by Dr. Glenn Burton, the program responsible for Tifgreen, Tifdwarf, TifEagle and Tifway 419, the longtime standard for sports fields, golf courses and home lawns. Partly in response to worries over the genetic vulnerability of Tifway, partly as a safeguard against pest and disease problems and partly in search of greater cold tolerance, Dr. Hanna and his team set out to develop a new Bermudagrass that was superior to Tifway. And far superior to the common Bermudas now posing as Tifway in many areas.

As Dr. Hanna puts it, "We identified a number of characteristics that we felt were key for athletic fields and golf courses, as well as high end landscapes and lawns. We wanted a grass with superior color, cold-hardiness and disease resistance. We also felt that rapid recovery from injury was vital, so we concentrated on turf density, turf strength and turf quality. And last but not least, TifSport had to be able to tolerate frequent lower mowing heights. In short, TifSport had to be able to recover quickly from day-in-day-out abuse". Excellent cold-tolerance, color, texture and density. Improved pest tolerance. Aggressive establishment and spring green-up.

After sixteen years of evaluation, we can document that TifSport will perform to the standards it was bred for and we've got the research to back it up. It's also protected by a USDA patent. And as a further safeguard, TifSport can only be grown and sold as genetically certified sod or sprigs and only by a licensed member of the Tift 94 Growers Association. If you're looking for a certified Bermudagrass that can stand up to the stress and demands of big-time sports, to the wear and tear of football and soccer cleats, to the punishment of baseball spikes, relax, you've found it - TifSport. It's what many experts are calling the new standard in sports turf for the 21st century.

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THE INSIDE STORY

If you're involved with the installation or the day-to-day care and maintenance of athletic fields, golf courses or high-end commercial and resi-

dential lawns, you'll really like how TifSport compares to Tifway, Midiron, and the popular common Bermudagrass varieties in use today.

Closer Mowing Heights

After three-times-per-week mowings at 1/4", research conducted in Tifton shows that TifSport can tolerate closer mowing heights than Tifway and Midiron. Sod density was excellent.

Upright Leaf Blade Orientation

TifSport's leaf blade orientation and stiffness is being touted by many golf course superintendents. They feel TifSport gives a better ball lie in cut fairways and roughs.

Impressive Leaf Texture

TifSport has a similar leaf texture to Tifway, and a finer leaf texture than most other grasses used on fairways, roughs, tees and athletic fields.

Superior Turf Density

TifSport has a greater density than Tifway - about a 1 point difference on a 10 point scale during the peak growing season. When compared to Midiron, Quickstand, Vamont and the common Bermudas there's about a 3 point difference.

Good Lateral Growth

TifSport's lateral growth rate is similar to genetically pure Tifway, but when combined with its superior turf density, it appears to have a more rapid grow-in and repair time.

Superior Sod Strength

TifSport seems to have superior sod strength. This should translate into improved playing conditions and improved resistance to divot injury in golf, football and baseball.

Excellent Traffic Tolerance

TifSport's density, sod strength and good lateral growth rate give it a high ranking for traffic tolerance. Athletic field managers and golf course superintendents are reporting outstanding re-growth from normal play and injury.



Dark Green Color

TifSport has a dark emerald green color versus the somewhat pastel green of Tifway and the significantly lighter green of Vamont and Quickstand.

Nutrition Requirements

Tests at Tifton GA showed that TifSport produced a better quality and greener leaf blade than Tifway under low nutrition and minimal management.

Cold Tolerant

TifSport is expected to push the northern limits for warm season Bermudagrass. It has survived several winters in Oklahoma City and Nashville TN, while Tifway showed severe damage.

Pest Resistant

Research in Tifton has shown a non-preference by mole crickets for TifSport. This has also been confirmed in a golf course environment in Naples FL on a USGA test green where TifSport was planted in the approaches.

Impressive/Root System

This inside view of a typical TifSport plug shows TifSport's impressive root, stolon and rhizome system. Note the lateral stolon growth and deep, complex vertical root structure.

Drought Tolerant

TifSport developer Wayne Hanna has data from a 2-year study showing that TifSport has good drought tolerance. It not only stays green longer but it also recovers faster.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT TIFSPORT

"When players make big cuts on TifSport they may shear the green off the top, but they're not pulling rhizomes out, or the thatch layer out. Our players and coaches like it a lot. Everybody says it looks more like a golf green than a football field."

**Don Follett - Director of Grounds
FedEx Field & Washington Redskins**

"I've been looking at TifSport and Tifway 419 side-by-side going on 5 years now. TifSport not only has a much darker green color, it stays green longer, and greens up earlier in the spring. It's got better density too, so the ball sits up higher."

**Joe Kennedy - CGCS
Legends Golf Club of Tennessee**

"The coaches and players are both happy with the way TifSport has been holding up. The footing here is superb and the field recovers extremely quickly from the cuts and tears you get with professional ball."

**Terry Porch - Head Groundskeeper
Adelphia Coliseum & Tennessee Titans**

"We were having transition problems with several of our overseeded fairways just before the Sr. Bank One Championship, so we re-sodded 2 entire fairways with TifSport. We got the height down to below 7/16 of an inch with no scalping, the color was excellent and the playing surface was firm. The players and officials all had very good things to say about our TifSport. Now we're seriously considering it for all of our fairways, roughs and tees."

**Keith Ihms - CGCS
Bent Tree Country Club - Dallas TX**

TifSport is regulated by each state Seed Certification Agency. The certification certificate below is your guarantee that the TifSport you purchase is genetically pure. Be sure to ask for a certification certificate when your TifSport sod or sprigs are delivered.

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